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BOSTON, JANUARY 6, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, at 68 Devonshire street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

City Council orders requesting that all men employed in the Department be put on half-time, instead of making suspensions, and that Charlestown Playground be flooded for skating; also an order of the Common Council, requesting that a sum sufficient for the construction and maintenance of an open-air gymnasium at Franklin Park be included in the park estimates for appropriations for 1902, were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council, requesting that all men in the department be employed on half-time, also a report recommending that fifty additional suspended men be employed on half-time; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to reinstate fifty men on half time.

The Superintendent submitted a report suggesting that stone be prepared for the Strandway at the Bussey-street ledge, thereby employing about seventy-five men; and the matter was laid over.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, he was authorized to subscribe for four English periodicals on gardening, for the use of the Department, at an expense of $18.65 per annum.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase three water carts on maintenance account.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from A. Jackson Norton, commending the work of Mr. Downey in the care of Christopher Gibson Playground, during the past season, and recommending his retention in that position.

A communication from James Adamson calling attention to water in the cellar of his house at #30 South Walter street, Roslindale, caused by flooding Roslindale Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Ex-Councilman Roberts and Mr. R. S. Barrows, of Ward 22, came before the Board with reference to the proposed playground for Ward 22. Mr. Barrows submitted a plan of the J.P.Shaw estate on the corner of Brookside avenue and Cornwall street, containing 57,997 square feet, which the present owners value at $35,000, as a site for the proposed playground. Mr. Barrows said that the land was well situated for the purpose, and could

probably be bought for less than the sum named. The Commissioners took the plan under advisement, and said that they would inspect the several sites proposed for a playground in the Ward before coming to a conclusion.

Mr Roberts stated that the appropriation of $30,000. just passed by the City Council, had been secured by him without reference to any particular location, but for the purpose merely of securing a playground for the Ward. He favored the location recommended by Mr. Barrows, and hoped the Board would see its way clear to take it.

Messrs Thomas B. Grimes, V. Bonzagni, and J.A.Cochran, of the Committee on Parks and Playgrounds of the Citizen's Trade Association of East Boston, came before the Board and submitted, in writing, the following suggestions for the improvement of Wood Island Park: 1. The construction of a sewer on the parkway and on Prescott street, from Bremen street to Wood Island Park. 2. The construction of a driveway in and around the park, and the admission of pleasure vehicles thereto. 3. The improvement of the sanitary arrangements for women. 4. The erection of a new and separate bathhouse for men and boys. 5. The establishment of a "Curfew law", and better police protection.

The Committee stated further, that, although the gymnasium closes at 10 o'clock, the park is open after that hour, and the park has become a resort for objectionable people from the city. That more light and more police protection are needed, or the park should be closed at 9 P.M.; and that the extension of the driveway would attract a better class of people in carriages and on bicycles, which in itself would be a better protection than police.

They also suggested that a new bathhouse for women be built on the northerly side of the park, and the present building be devoted exclusively to the use of men and boys.

The Commissioners took the matter under advisement, and directed the Superintendent to consider the matter of additional light and increased accommodations for carriages visiting Wood Island Park.

A communication from H. E. Whiting, Clerk of the Cambridge Park Commission, to Mayor Collins, in regard to proposed legislation to authorize cities and towns to enter upon private property in the work of destroying the brown-tailed moth, was

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received from the Mayor and referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 13, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Executive circular, number 1, directing that all appointments and transfers within the classified service be made through the Civil Service Division of the Auditing Department; and Executive circular, number 2, directing that a half-holiday be allowed on Saturdays, during 1902, to all laborers and mechanics whose services can be dispensed with, were received, and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that Mystic Playground be flooded for skating purposes, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to select a site for a bathhouse on the shore of Jamaica Pond, to place all laborers in the Department on a permanent basis, and to include in the estimates for 1902 a sum sufficient for the construction and maintenance of an open-air gymnasium at Franklin Park; the annual report of the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, in charge of the women's and children's division at Charlesbank; also sundry communications from park boards relative to, and in favor of, a bill to regulate advertising signs in the neighborhood of public parks, were received.

A communication from David B. Shaw, relative to the claim of Mrs. Biggart, for damage to her property from ball-playing at Mystic Playground, was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of J. P. Roche, that the pond in Nazingdale, Franklin Park, be flooded and kept clear for skating, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

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VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to reopen the Bussey ledge, to obtain crushed stone for the Strandway; and to reinstate, on half-time, all able-bodied men now on the suspended list.

VOTED, that all laborers and mechanics in the employ of the Department, whose services can be dispensed with, without detriment to the public service, be given a half-holiday on Saturday afternoons. during the year 1902, as part compensation for their services.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 20, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt; also, Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putham. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Messrs Morrill and Whitton to erect guy posts on Columbia Road, recommending that a permit be granted; and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit in accordance therewith.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the ice at Columbus Avenue Playground, also in regard to the request of Joseph Lee, that snow-balling be permitted under the supervision of the instructors; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to Mr. Lee.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Adamson's claim for damages by the flooding of his cellar, at #30 South Walter street, opposite Roslindale Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to Mr. Adamson.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report as to the basis upon which hired teams are paid per day, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council, requesting the Board to report what action is necessary to more properly carry out the

purposes for which the public landing at City Point was constructed, and the conditions of the present lease, was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

An order of the Common Council, requesting an estimate of the cost of procuring, for park purposes, land and flats bounded, in a general way, by Saratoga street, Addison street, Orient Heights, and the Boston & Maine Railroad, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council, requesting the Board to include in its annual estimates a sum sufficient to construct and maintain an open-air gymnasium, on land in the rear of the Armory and Fire Department quarters on Winthrop street Charlestown, was received, and placed on file.

Executive Circular, number 3, requesting a list of all contractors, and amounts paid on unadvertised contracts above two thousand dollars, also of contracts awarded to others than the lowest bidders, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of H. A. Bryant, referred by the Mayor, that provision be made for skating at Franklin Field, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Committee on Charles River Dam, requesting that a representative from this Board be present at a preliminary hearing, to state the facts regarding the effect of the proposed dam on the Fenway ponds and Stony Brook channels, was received, and referred to the Superintendent and Engineer to arrange for and attend such a conference.

A communication from the Board of Election Commissioners regarding their use of the old Oak square school-house for storage purposes, was received, and placed on file.

A communication from R. S. Barrows, enclosing letters from S. B. Capen and E. M. Foss, favoring the playground site on Brookside avenue and Cornwall street, Ward 22, also a communication from T. D. Roberts, regarding the same matter, were received,and placed on file.

An offer of John A. McManus, of twenty-five dollars for a shed on the Burnham estate, was received; and the Secretary was directed to notify him that the Board declines his offer, as the needs of the department require the retention of the building.

The claim of D. F. O'Connell, for damages caused by the

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turning on of the water at Franklin Field, December 20,1901, without notice to him, was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Board of Police, in answer to the Chairman's letter regarding snow-balling at Neponset Playground, was received, and placed on file.

A request of Thomas F. Porter, Senator First Essex District, for a copy of the bill relating to advertisements,with a statement of changes desired in the previous bill, was received, and referred to the Secretary for reply.

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BOSTON, JANUARY 28, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an accompanying petition from the teamsters of this department, requesting that they be paid the same scale of wages as teamsters employed in the other City Departments; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent to reply to the petition of the teamsters.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council, in regard to the management of the public landing at Marine Park, and the matter was laid over.

An order of the Common Council requesting that that part of Columbia Road between Buttonwood street and the N.Y N.H.& H.R.R.be completed, was received, and referred to the Superintendent of Streets, this part of Columbia Road coming within the province of the Street Department to construct.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report as to the feasibility of taking, for the purposes of a public square, the triangular lot of land bounded by Columbia Road, O street, and East Seventh street, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

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A communication from Joseph P. Lyons, Trustee, offering land between Brookside avenue and Argyle street for a playground for Ward 22, was received, and referred to the Superintendent.

A petition from S. Stevens, M. D. and others, requesting that the land bounded by South, Robert, and South Walter streets, containing about 9000 square feet, be taken for park purposes,was received;and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from F. Blackwood Fay, inquiring by what right Mr.Arthur Timmins is allowed a telephone booth on Commonwealth avenue, at the junction of Dartmouth street, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Susan B. Scott, requesting twenty-five loads of earth for window boxes in the South End tenement district, was received; and it was

VOTED, to furnish the twenty-five loads of earth for benevolent purposes in the South End tenement district, as requested.

A communication from Mr.Adamson, regarding the cause of the flooding of his cellar at # 30 South Walter street, Roslindale, was received, and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Police Department, stating that their officers had been instructed to enforce the law regarding the playing of base-ball on Mystic Playground, was received and placed on file.

Sundry communications and petitions relative to the billboard matter were received; and the Secretary was instructed to hand the petitions to Mr. George B. Upham, for presentation to the Legislature.

Chas. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 3, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The Superintendent submitted a report, with an accompanying report from Mr. Putnam, on the claim of D. F. O'Connell for damages caused by the falling of a derrick and the flooding of his trench, at Franklin Field; and the Secretary was directed to reply, that the Board denies any responsibility on account of the falling of the derrick; and that the Board does not think it should be held responsible for the flooding of the trench, but, if he will send the items of the damage, they will be laid before the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. D. F. O'Connell's offer to suspend work, until February 20, in order that the Field may be flooded for skating; and the Secretary was directed to reply to Mr. D. F. O'Connell, that the Board does not think it advisable to accept his offer, in view of the delay it would cause in the completion of his contract.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Timmin's request to locate a hack stand at Charlesgate East, opposite Hotel Somerset; and the matter was laid over.

An order of the Common Council, requesting that a sanitary building be placed in the vicinity of Pond street and the Parkway, Ward 23, was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A notice was received from the Committee on Charles River Dam, of the continuance of the hearing before said Committee, until February 17.

A communication from the Board of Police, enclosing a report from Captain Wyman, regarding ball-playing on Mystic Playground, was received and placed on file.

Sec'y F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, FEBRUARY 12, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The Superintendent's weekly report, containing an account of the work of eradicating the brown-tailed and tussock moths, also a special report on the removal of tussock moth cocoons on Commonwealth avenue, were received; and the Superintendent was authorized to consult an entomologist as to the best way of treating the latter.

The Superintendent reported on insufficient police protection and the danger from fires, in Franklin Park and the Arboretum; and a letter was sent to the Police Board requesting that the present force be augmented by a number of young and active men on bicycles.

The Superintendent reported on the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting an estimate of the cost of constructing a driveway from Centre street to Bellevue Hill, West Roxbury Parkway.

An order of the Common Council, requesting that settees be placed on Richardson Park, Columbia Road, was received, and referred to the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Communications from Thomas F. Doherty, relative to filling the open ditch in Franklin Field adjoining Talbot avenue; from Robert Treat Paine, requesting that a playground be located in the vicinity of the Lowell school on Centre street, Ward 22; and from the American Park and Out-Door Art Association, requesting the Board to co-operate in making arrangements for the entertainment of members, at its sixth annual meeting, to be held in Boston, August 5, 6, and 7, 1902, were received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A reply was sent to the Mayor, in response to the order of the Common Council, requesting a report as to the proper manner of conducting the public landing at Marine Park; and an advertisement for a new lease of the boat service was ordered inserted in the newspapers.

VOTED, that permission be and it is hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to construct and maintain in the traffic road of Arborway, between South street and Hampstead road, an underground conduit and manhole, with the wires and cables to be placed therein, as shown on a plan submitted by said Company, dated January 25, 1902, and filed in the office of this Board; provided said Company shall furnish in said conduit accommodations for all wires belonging to or to be used by the City, free of charge;

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shall remove the location of the conduit and wires whenever directed,and not until directed,so to do by this Board, or by any other board or department having, for the time being, the control and management of said traffic road; and shall fulfil all the requirements of the permit issued hereunder.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 17, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report of Prof.A.H.Kirkland in regard to the advisability of continuing the work of destroying the tussock moth cocoons, recommending its discontinuance; and the Superintendent was directed to govern himself accordingly.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that the gas lights at Charlesbank be changed to electric lights; that police officers be detailed to keep order on the ice at Charlestown Playground; and as to the advisability of locating a bathhouse at Jamaica Pond:and the several matters were referred to the Chairman to reply to the orders through the Mayor.

A communication from the Board of Police,stating their intention to properly police the parks and place additional men on bicycles, was received and placed on file.

A communication from David B. Shaw,accepting the offer of the Board to settle Mrs. Biggart's claim for damages caused by ball playing at Mystic Playground, was received, and referred to the Secretary to arrange with Mr. Shaw for the payment of the bill.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company relative to repairing underground wires to Pine Bank House was received, and referred to the Superintendent.

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A communication from A. M. Gill, inquiring if any change is contemplated in the regulations governing the use of automobiles in the park system, and a request from the East Boston Argus-Advocate for advertisement of boat service at Marine Park, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Leo F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 24, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Mr. A. M. Hatch of the loss of a pair of shoes at Wood Island; and the Superintendent was authorized to settle the matter by the payment of $1.50, as recommended by him.

An application from the Charlestown Volunteer Veteran Fireman's Association for the use of Charlestown Playground, on June 17, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company relative to order for underground repair work on the line running to the Superintendent's house, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Leo F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 3, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the plan of the Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board for laying a pipe across the park grounds at Chestnut Hill, recommending a change in the location of the pipe; and a reply to that effect was sent to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council regarding the locating of a public convenience station on Columbus Avenue Playground, also a report on two communications from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in regard to repair work needed on the underground telephone wires at the Superintendent's house and at Pine Bank; Both matters were referred to the Chairman for reply, with instructions to notify the Telephone Company, that, under its contract, the Company agrees to bear all ordinary expense of maintenance and repair.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that certain work be done under the appropriation of $9550 for First Street Playground; and the Superintendent was directed to prepare ground plans for a locker and lavatory building for said playground, to cost about $5000.

A request of William A. Perrins, Major 2nd Brigade M. V. M., for permission to march with his command through Commonwealth avenue and other necessary streets, while acting as escort to Prince Henry of Prussia, was received; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

Communications from Robert S. Bradley and James Longley, requesting that some means be devised for deadening the noise of the bridge on Commonwealth avenue, between Charlesgate East and Charlesgate West, were received; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Engineer and report.

The Superintendent was authorized to make an opening at the southerly end of the wall of Dorchester Park at Adams street.

The Superintendent submitted bids for summer uniforms,as follows:

Leopold Morse & Co.,	Coat	$0.59,	pants	$0.59,	shirt	$0.38	hat,	$0.35
Spitz Bros.& Mork,	"	.53	"	.49	"	.37 1/2	"	.40
"	"	"	"	.76	"	.68	"	.40	"	.32 1/2
"	"	"			"	.68			"	.35

and it was

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VOTED, to accept the bid of Leopold Morse & Company for coats and pants at 59 cents each, and the bid of Spitz Bros.& Mork for shirts and hats at 40 cents each.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, MARCH 12, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Superintendent, recommending that five horses belonging to the Department be sold and five new horses be purchased, was received and referred to Mr. Pratt.

The Superintendent submitted a report on merry-go-rounds, with plans and estimates, which was laid over.

The Superintendent reported on the number of additional lamps needed for lighting Wood Island Park, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for an estimate of the cost.

The Superintendent reported that men from the engine house at Upham's Corner made use of the parkway on Columbia Road to exercise their horses; and a letter was sent to the Fire Commissioner calling his attention to the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a letter from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, for the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency & Hygiene Association, in regard to the management of the women's gymnasium at Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, to appoint Miss Manship as second assistant, in place of Miss Eliot, and to approve the reengagement of Miss Cutler as superintendent for the season of 1902-3,but without the advancement in salary suggested by the Committee; also to approve the experiment of substituting two morning for evening classes.

The Secretary was directed to inform Mrs. Wells that there will be no need to discontinue the gymnasium work, in order to make repairs on the building, as these can be made between the sessions of the classes.

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Mr. Pratt submitted a letter he had received from E. R. Wendemuth on the subject of an entrance to Dorchester Park over his land at Richmond street; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to ask the price of a strip twenty feet wide on one side of the house for a psssageway to the Park.

The Chairman was directed to notify David Benshimol to remove an old boiler on the land formerly belonging to him on the Strandway, within fourteen days, otherwise the Board will be obliged to dispose of it.

The Superintendent reported that Leopold Morse & Company had refused to take the contract for furnishing the coats and trousers of the summer uniforms, unless the contract for shirts and hats also was awarded to them, and that Spitz Brothers & Mork had agreed to furnish coats and trousers of the same material and at the same price as specified in Leopold Morse and Company's bid. It was, thereupon

VOTED, to award the contract for the coats and trousers to Spitz Brothers & Mork, at fifty-nine cents each.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the reconstruction of Commonwealth avenue bridge, as suggested by James Longley and Robert S. Bradley, for the prevention of noise, recommending a steel and concrete structure to cost about $15,000; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to inform Messrs Longley and Bradley that the Board would be pleased to build such a structure if the City Council will appropriate the money.

Executive Circular, number 4, relative to waste in electric lighting was received, and placed on file.

Communications from C. S. Hamlin, transmitting draft of act relative to dredging along the southerly shore of South Boston; from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company relative to repairs to underground connection at Pine Bank; and from John D. Sullivan and others, requesting an opinion as to whether certain land in Marblehead dedicated to the use of a public park is under the control of the Park Commissioners of said town, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Requests of the Boston, Quincy & Nantasket Point Steamboat Company, for permission to take and discharge passengers from the wharf at Marine Park, and from S. I. Hudgens for burro and pony privilege on Franklin and Marine parks, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

An order of the City Council, requesting that the men

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employed in this Department be put on full time, was received, together with a report from the Superintendent; and a reply thereto was sent to the Mayor.

Applications from Daniel F. Casey and Gabriel Farrell for boat privileges at Marine Park and Charlesbank respectively, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted sketch plans for a locker and lavatory building for First Street Playground, and it was

VOTED, to employ Messrs Wales & Holt to prepare detailed plans and specifications and secure estimates for a locker and lavatory building at First Street Playground, and submit them to the Board.

A plan of land belonging to the Heirs of Abijah Seaverns, dated February 1902, was submitted by Mr. F. A. Seaverns for the approval of the Board to the proposed connection with Arborway of a public way to be known as Prince street, and shown as Hallet avenue on said plan. The Board took the matter under advisement.

Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 18, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for fertilizer were received:

American Agricultural Chemical Co.,	$25.25 per ton
Bowker Fertilizer Company,	25.48 " "
Lowell Fertilizer Company,	25.50 " "
Armour & Company,	31.00 " "

and it was

VOTED, that the bid of the American Agricultural Chemical Company be accepted, at $25.25 per ton.

A communication from Wallace H. Ham, Manager of the American Surety Company of New York, requesting the cancellation and

return of the bond given by James P. McShane, in connection with the lease of the Franklin Park refectory, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Executive Circular, number 5, relative to granting a holiday on March 17 to City employees whose services can be dispensed with, was received, and the Superintendent was directed to allow pay to those employees who were given a holiday, in accordance with the Mayor's circular.

A communication from James L. Whitney, Librarian of the Boston Public Library, transmitting a vote of the Library Trustees relative to making a deposit of books on natural history, in the refectory building, Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, relative to surface drains in Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Metropolitan Water and sewerage Board, stating that they have abandoned the plan of laying water pipes through the park land at Chestnut Hill, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Robert S. Bradley, relative to securing an appropriation for the rebuilding of Commonwealth avenue bridge, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Board of Harbor & Land Commissioners enclosing license numbered 2573, authorizing solid filling in Dorchester Bay, was received and placed on file.

A communication from E. R. Wendemuth offering to sell a strip of land for an entrance to Dorchester Park; also requests of the Lauriat Improvement Association for a suitable entrance to Franklin Field the coming season, and from Clara M. Ripley that a direct path be opened from the Blue Hill avenue and Canterbury street entrance to Franklin Park, to the spring, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

The plan for cutting up land belonging to the heirs of Abijah Seaverns, presented at the last meeting, was taken up, and the matter referred to the Superintendent to confer with the owners, and report whether a modification of the plan, with reference to the area and dimensions of the lots, can be secured.

BOSTON, MARCH 24, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of S. I. Hudgens for a burro and pony privilege at Franklin and Marine parks; and it was

VOTED, that S. I. Hudgens be permitted to keep a burro and pony stand at Franklin and Marine parks, for this season, provided he gives a ride of 850 feet for five cents, and that the burros,and pony, and their equipment are satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the Boston, Quincy, and Nantasket Point Stamboat Company for leave to take and discharge passengers from the public landing at Marine Park. The petition was refused because the granting of such a privilege would interfere with the public use of the landing and channel; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Company to that effect.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Thomas W. Daly for a soda-water stand near the L-street bathhouse; and it was

VOTED, that Thomas W. Daly be permitted to retain his refreshment stand on the Strandway near the L-street bathhouse, during the coming season, subject to notice by the Board to remove the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the suspension of sixty-five men, and the placing of the remaining men on full-time; and the matter was referred to the Chairman with authority to suspend the men after a conference with the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for a path from the junction of Blue Hill avenue and Canterbury street to the spring at Franklin Park. The plan was approved and the Superintendent was authorized to construct the path.

The Superintendent submitted a verbal report on the request of the Lauriat Improvement Association for an improvement of the entrance to Franklin Field. A communication was sent to the Superintendent of Streets, asking that the Lyons-street entrance be cleared of the debris resulting from the work of his Department; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Association of the action taken by the Board.

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A communication from the City Solicitor recommending a settlement of the claim of Eliza B. Macquarrie, for land taken for Prince Street Playground, was received, and referred to the Chairman to obtain from the City Solicitor further information as to the liability of the City, because of the contract to build into which the owner had entered.

The Mayor's approval of the employment of Messrs Wales & Holt to prepare detailed plans and specifications, and secure estimates, for a locker and lavatory building, at First Street Playground, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Board of Harbor & Land Commissioners for returns under various licenses granted by that Board, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Playground Committee of the Civic League, requesting the Board to erect fences at Columbus Avenue Playground, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Gabriel Farrell came before the Board with reference to an extension of his boat privilege at Charlesbank, for three years. The matter was taken under advisement, and subsequently referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Farrell and report to the Board.

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BOSTON, MARCH 31, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a proposition from James P. McShane to take charge of the distribution of books and furnish a janitor at the refectory at Franklin Park, for the privilege of selling soda-water, ice-cream, and cigars. The matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a proposal from Mr. Gabriel Farrell to pay $100 per annum for the privilege of letting boats

at Charlesbank, for three years from March 1,1902; and it was

VOTED, to lease the boat privilege at Charlesbank to Gabriel Farrell, for three years, at a rental of one hundred dollars per annum.

Executive Circular, number 3, relative to assignment of wages, also City Council Order placing the school property at Oak Square, Brighton, in the custody of the Park Commissioners, were received and placed on file.

A communication from John J. Cronin of the Stone-Masons' Union, referred by the Mayor, relative to the employment of union labor on contract work, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Sewer Division of the Street Department, stating that the conditions of the Lyons-street entrance to Franklin Field would be made good, was received and placed on file.

A request of Thomas R. Curtis, that tennis grounds be laid out at Chestnut Hill, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Thomas M. Babson, in explanation of the proposed settlement, recommended by him, of the claim of Eliza B. Macquarrie, for land taken for Prince Street Playground, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of Eliza B. Macquarrie, for damages for land taken for Prince Street Playground, for $19,500.00,without interest.

A communication was received from Frederick Ayer enclosing a plan of proposed carriage entrance from Audubon Road to the alleyway between his land and that of D. S. McDonald. The plan was approved, and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit for the construction of the entrance, under the regulations adopted by the Board.

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BOSTON, APRIL 7, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of T. R. Curtis for tennis grounds at Chestnut Hill;and it was

VOTED, to instruct the Superintendent to lay out tennis courts on the triangle north of Commonwealth avenue, as recommended in his report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Mr. F. A. Seaverns, that the Board approve the connection of Hallet avenue with Arborway; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Roxbury Cricket Club to play cricket, during the coming season, at Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, that the Roxbury Cricket Club be permitted to play cricket on Franklin Field, during the season of 1902, on grounds to be designated by the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Harold D. Barnstein to sail a miniature yacht at Jamaica Pond, and it was

VOTED, that the sailing of toy boats from the shore of Jamaica Pond be permitted in the cove at Pine Bank, and in any part of the pond if handled from boats.

The Superintendent submitted a report on playground sites at East Boston, and the Board held a conference with Mr. Adams, Treasurer of the East Boston Company, with reference to the sites proposed.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the reinstatement of C. T. Gately; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to reinstate him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed arrangement between Mr. Casey and Mr. Benedict regarding the boat franchise at Marine Park.

An order of the City Council requesting that park teamsters be put on the same basis, as to hours and wages, as men employed in other departments, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Alderman Tinkham relative to a hearing concerning the appropriation of $25,000 for park purposes

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in Ward 25, was received and a hearing was set for the next regular meeting of the Board.

Communications from the Board of Election Commissioners stating that they had removed the material stored in the Oak Square schoolhouse; from the Board of Police stating that they would comply with the requests contained in communications from this Department, of April 3 and 4; and from R. T. Paine, calling attention to vacant lots on Clark and North Margin streets suitable for playgrounds, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Sprague-Nugent Company for permit to use the sidewalk on Columbia Road while painting a sign, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of P. T. O'Mailey for information relative to iron frame work for gymnastic apparatus, and proposition of D. W. Butterfield to make one hundred park photographs, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply..

The Chairman was authorized to open negotiations with W.P. Whittemore for the purchase of land for the Forest Hills Playground, in place of that to be abandoned to Harvard College.

The Superintendent was directed to see what is necessary to be done to improve the park opposite #230 Commonwealth avenue, and to report on improvements at Wood Island Park, requested last fall by a Committee of the East Boston Improvement Association.

A petition from Samuel H. Kimball and others for one or more tennis courts at Pine Bank, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Joseph Lee with reference to the status of the Board's requests for appropriations for a fence for Columbus Avenue Playground, and for developing the Prince Street Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

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BOSTON, APRIL 14, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the carriage entrances to Hotel Somerset; and the matter was laid over pending the presentation of a request, in writing, by the owners of the building.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of S.H.Kimball and others for tennis courts at Pine Bank; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to lay out tennis courts at Pine Bank.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the City Council order relative to the pay of teamsters in the Park Department.

The Superintendent submitted a verbal report on the arrangement made by Mr. Casey with Mr.Benedict for conducting the Marine Park Boat service; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to draw up a lease in accordance with the agreement.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Sprague-Nugent Company for permission to occupy the sidewalk of Columbia Road temporarily to paint a sign-board; and it was

VOTED, that the Chairman notify the Sprague-Nugent Company that the Board regards such signboards an injury to the public; and, therefore, cannot do anything to assist those who maintain them so near the parkways.

A communication from Messrs Ayer and McDonald requesting the Board to construct an entrance to the alleyway on Audubon Road between their estates was received, and referred to the Superintendent.

Orders of the Common Council requesting reports on the cost of the Head House, cost of repairs, amount of revenue received, and conditions of present lease; also cost of constructing the public landing at City Point, cost of maintenance, and amount of revenue received; also City Council order authorizing the hiring of the Williams estate, between Orchard and Holbrook streets, Ward 23, for a playground, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A proposition from Charles E. Adams, Treasurer of the East Boston Company, submitting an offer of land for a playground

in East Boston. at 28 cents per square foot, was received and referred to the Chairman to accept the proposition.

A communication from Jones & Meehan relative to delay in removal of material from the Strandway was received, and referred to the Chairman to notify them to vacate the building immediately.

A communication was received from the Board of Police, stating that they are at work upon the removal of the switch-box which connects their wires running to Wood Island Park, as requested in the letter from this Department of April 10.

A request of T. J. Hinds for rebate on granolithic walk at 770 - 774 Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a plan and request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for a pole location at the junction of Washington street and Arborway; and it was

VOTED, that the West End Street Railway Company be authorixed to erect a pole at the junction of Washington street and Arborway, as shown on a plan by A. L. Plimpton, Engineer, dated April 14, 1902, on condition that the work be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, and that the pole be removed at any time upon notice from this Board.

A hearing was given to Edward M. Brewer in reference to the application of Mr. F. A. Seaverns, for the approval of the Board to the connection of Hallet street with Arborway. Mr. Brewer said he objected to the plan so far as it contemplated an extension of the street through his land, and that he had conferred with Mr. Seaverns in relation to the proposed street and an exchange of land, but they were unable to agree with regard to the restrictions to be imposed upon the land. He therefore desired to lay out his land independently of the Seaverns property, with a transverse street instead of a longitudinal street. The Board suggested that further efforts be made by Mr. Brewer and Mr. Seaverns to reconcile their differences so they could agree upon a plan.

A hearing was given to Alderman George H. Tinkham and Messrs James N. Thompson and Charles W. Pierce, with reference to the expenditure of the $25,000 appropriated by the last City Government for park purposes in Brighton. Alderman Tinkham said, that their purpose in coming was to induce the Board, if possible, to use the appropriation for the developing and im-

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proving of North Brighton Playground and Rogers Park, both of which need money expended upon them, and perhaps a larger amount than the present appropriation,to make them serve the purposes for which they were acquired. He said that he had found local opinion very strong for the use of the money for the development and completion of these grounds, and that the improvement associations of Brighton and Faneuil were in favor of this use of the money. He said that the appropriation would never have received the approval of Mayor Hart had it not been understood to have been intended for this purpose. Alderman Tinkham further said that Mr. Thompson went to the Mayor with the statement or idea that the money was to be devoted to the purpose he had alluded to,and that the Mayor would have vetoed the appropriation unless it were to be used to improve these two pieces of land.

Mr. James N. Thompson stated that he saw the Mayor previous to his having signed the order and told him that they would endeavor to have the money used for the development of Rogers Park and North Brighton Playground. He further said that the Alderman, Mr.Pierce and he had been asked by the Faneuil Improvement Association to come before the Board and advocate this use of the appropriation. Mr. Charles W. Pierce also spoke in favor of the proposition, and referred to the need of draining Rogers Park. The Board took the matter under advisement.

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BOSTON, APRIL 21, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent was given leave of absence for eight days from May 1st, in order that he might accept an invitation from

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Mr. Lathrop to visit Chicago to look over the park system with their Commission.

Reports from the Superintendent on the requests of Messrs Ayer and McDonald for an alleyway opening on Audubon Road, and request of Councilman Burr for an estimate of the cost of an open air gymnasium at Franklin Field, were received; and the Superintendent was authorized to furnish Mr. Burr the estimate he desired.

Reports from the Superintendent on a communication from Charles H. Souther, complaining of wet places in the bridle path at the West Roxbury Parkway; and on the Common Council order requesting that the playstead in Franklin Park be used for base ball, were received. The former was referred to the Chairman for reply, and the latter was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Louis McInnis for the position of instructor in gymnastics recommending his appointment at Wood Island Park; and it was

VOTED, that Louis McInnis be appointed instructor at Wood Island Park Gymnasium, at a salary of $50.00 per month, in place of James L. Walsh, resigned.

A request of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club for permission to enclose temporarily the lawn in front of their club house, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A hearing was given to H. B. Sprague, Treasurer of the Sprague-Nugent Company, in reference to their application for a permit to paint a signboard on Columbia Road. Mr. Sprague argued that they should be given the same treatment as any body else desiring to use the sidewalk; that their business was legitimate, and he questioned the right of the Board to deny their request. He said that they could paint their sign anyway, by moving it back, and, as a matter of courtesy, they should be allowed to paint it as it stands, without being interfered with by the police. The Board took the matter under consideration, and subsequently referred it to Mr.Pratt.

A communication was received from Edward M. Brewer, enclosing copy of a letter he had sent to Mr. Seaverns modifying the restrictions he had formerly proposed with reference to the proposed extension of Hallet street through his land to Prince street,.and requesting time to hear from Mr. Seaverns before taking further steps in the matter of the proposed street.

VOTED, that the general rules for the use of the Franklin Park

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golf links adopted May 20, 1901 be amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence, in place of the words "in writing", the words:-at the golf house Schoolmaster Hill. Persons must have their permits with them whenever playing on the course, and show them, when requested by the green-keeper to do so:- also by substituting the word "play" for the words "the grounds" in the next sentence; by striking out the words "all" and "must" in the fifth paragraph, and inserting after the word "complaints", the words,- against caddies should.

VOTED, that the ground rules for the use of the Franklin Park golf links adopted April 18,1898 be amended by substituting the word "shall" for the word "should" in the second and third paragraphs.

Mr. D. P. Hart, Superintending Architect representing the Trustees of the Somerset Hotel, came before the Board with reference to their request for a carriage entrance to their porte cochère. He said that the Trustees had not authorized him to make any plea with reference to the contention that the porte cochère had been built contrary to restrictions on the land. The Trustees had no knowledge that the architect's attention had been called to it, and they had not intended to do anything contrary to the wishes of the Board. He further said, that Mr. Peabody, one of the Trustees, had talked with Mr.Bowditch,the Architect, and that Mr. Peabody had gathered that the Architect's understanding was that it was within the province of the Board to permit it.

An order of the City Council authorizing the hiring of the estate between Orchard and Holbrook streets, Ward 23,known as the Williams estate, for a public playground; also the Mayor's authority to sell the old schoolhouse at Oak square, at public auction, were received and placed on file.

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BOSTON, APRIL 28, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate for the equipment of the library room at the refectory; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club for permission to temporarily enclose their lawn, recommending the erection of a permanent fence; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to notify the Club accordingly.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the City Council orders requesting that a hand-ball court be erected at Charlestown Playground and that an open-air gymnasium be constructed at Franklin Field; and the orders were referred to the Chairman to submit replies through the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Communication of the Superintendent of Public Buildings in regard to the placing of settees in the yard of the Old Franklin Schoolhouse, stating that there are no settees which can be spared for the purpose; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Superintendent of Public Buildings accordingly.

Communications from the Board of Police acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Chairman of this Board, stating that permits will no longer be required for sketching in the park system; and from the Superintendent of Streets, stating that the communication from this Board of April 21, requesting the construction of catch-basins in Centre street north of Allendale street had been referred to the proper division for action or report; were received and placed on file.

Communications from F. A. Seaverns and E. M. Brewer relative to the entrance into Arborway of a proposed street in continuation of Prince street, were received and it was

VOTED, that the proposed connection of Prince street with Arborway, as shown on a plan entitled, Plan of Land belonging to the Heirs of Abijah Seaverns made by F.R.Page and James Adam, Civil Engineers, and dated February 1902, be approved, provided that the grade, lines of curb, and system of drainage are made satisfactory to the Board, and that said street be

constructed in accordance with the regulations of the Board governing the opening of street entrances into the parkways.

A communication from Ralph A. Quimby, calling attention to the accumulation of dead leaves in Dorchester Park, and the danger from fires was received and placed on file. The Superintendent stated that he had looked into the matter and found no cause for action.

A request of the Ashmont Improvement Association for some maples or elms, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to play cricket at Wood Island Park, during the season of 1902, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted,under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1902.

Mr. Francis Peabody, Jr.,Trustee of the Somerset Hotel, came before the Board with reference to their request for a carriage entrance to the Hotel. Mr. Peabody stated that it was to the amazement of the Trustees to find that they had violated the restrictions in the construction of the porte cochère. They employed Mr. Bowditch as architect of the extension for the reason that he designed the hotel and they were assured by him that all necessary permissions had been obtained for the erection of the building as designed. The Architect had not informed the Trustees of the letter of the Board of June 13,1901, and has since declared positively that he had received no such letter. The Trustees had proceeded perfectly innocently in the construction of the port cochère, and had not sought to use any part of the restricted land for any part of their building. The port cochère as constructed does not come quite out to the street line and is simply a roof open at both sides supported by pillars at the corners, in one sence it might be considered a sort of permanent canopy. No part of the area covered is being used except as incidental to the steps and approach to the building. It is on the side of the avenue where there is very little travel and as a practical question does not inconvenience either the neighbors or the public. Abutters' light and view are not cut off; and, until objection is made by some one who has an interest it should be allowed to remain in the interest of those who will use it as an approach to the ball-

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room, a large portion of whom will be ladies in carriages who require protection from inclement weather. Mr. Peabody said he desired to urge, on the part of the Trustees, that the removal of the port cochère would render the addition to the hotel very much less valuable to the owners; that the question to be decided was, whether the public is so much affected that the Board ought to require its removal. A study of the conditions would show that the rights of the public are not interfered with, inconvenienced, or incommoded, or that any owners in the neighborhood are injured by its being allowed to remain. The Trustees believe that it is not for the public interests to have it removed, and that it would be almost a public misfortune if it cannot be maintained. The Trustees have acted in good faith. They do not ask the Board to give a license simply that it will be allowed to remain without its becoming a precedent or without requiring the assent of the Board. Mr. Peabody offered to submit a petition in favor of its retention; and, in answer to a question of the Chairman, said that he would ascertain whether it was an infraction of the restrictions contained in the deeds of the land.

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BOSTON, MAY 6, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast; also Assistant Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to organize by electing a chairman and secretary for the ensuing year. On motion of Mr. Pratt that Mr. Stratton be elected Chairman, Mr. Pratt voted for Mr. Stratton, Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Stratton. On motion of Mr. Prendergast that George F. Clarke be elected secretary, Mr. Pratt voted for Mr. Clarke; Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Clarke; Mr. Stratton voted for Mr. Clarke.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

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VOTED, that Mr. Pratt be Chairman pro tem. and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman.

VOTED, that Mr. Prendergast be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro tem.

The Engineer submitted a report on the request of the Deputy Superintendent of the Paving Division of the Street Department, for a list of streets over which the Park Commissioners exercise control; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Engineer submitted a revised estimate of the cost of furniture and shelves for fitting up the Franklin Park refectory for library purposes, amounting to $293; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work in accordance therewith.

A communication from the Mayor relative to the employment of Union labor, was received and placed on file; and the Chairman was requested to see the Mayor in regard to the same.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the removal of restrictions relative to the playing of base ball by boys over ten years of age, on the Playstead, Franklin Park; also that sand-boxes, swings, and other fixtures for children be placed in Fellows Street Playground, were received from the Mayor and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Thomas M. Babson, City Solicitor, enclosing a letter from Charles H. Tyler, Attorney for the Sears Heirs in regard to the taking of Berners Square, and recommending that Mr. Tyler's suggestion in regard to settling the damages on account of said taking, was received and placed on file. The Secretary stated that Mr. Babson said he would see Mr. Tyler and draw a vote which would cover the matter.

A petition from Hugh Kelly and others requesting the privilege of baiting their horses at their respective carriage stands on Commonwealth avenue was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Secretary was authorized to renew the permit to Frank Lamacchia to play the harp on Commonwealth avenue for the ensuing year.

A communication from Henry B. Hill, stating that the posting of cards relative to the protection of birds, on trees on Commonwealth avenue, was done without the knowledge of the American Humane Education Society, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

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The Engineer submitted an estimate of the cost of proposed improvements at Wood Island Park,which was laid over.

VOTED, that the following rules be adopted for the use and government of the Franklin Park golf links:-

No person shall play on either course of these links unless he holds a permit therefor issued by the green-keeper and conforms to the following:

1. The player shall show his permit to the green-keeper or his assistant whenever requested so to do.

2. The player shall not loiter about the first tee,but shall with all reasonable despatch play off in turn and move out of range; and no player shall play from the tee until all parties in front have played their second stroke and are out of range.

3. The player who has holed out shall not again try his putt, but shall forthwith move out of range; and no player shall play to the putting green until all parties in front have holed out and are out of range.

4. The players playing three or more balls shall allow a two ball match to pass.

5. The player looking for a lost ball shall allow any other match to pass.

6. The player who cuts or disturbs any turf shall at once replace the same.

7. The green keeper shall, on application to him at the golf house on Schoolmaster Hill, issue a permit to play on the full nine-hole course to any applicant who is, in his opinion, sufficiently familiar with the game to play without incommoding or endangering other players, and shall issue a Learner's Permit to play on the six-hole course, to any applicant desiring to learn the game; shall have full charge of the links and of the conduct of the game; shall interpret and enforce the Rules, and receive and settle all complaints; shall keep a record of the name, and number of badge of each caddie; shall take away the badge, and suspend the employment, of an offending caddie for such period as he shall deem proper, and shall promptly discharge any caddie he shall find guilty of soliciting employment without his badge or beyond the first tee, or of asking more than fifteen cents for one round of nine holes or twenty-five cents for two such rounds, or of taking balls without permission, or of any other grave offense.

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A new plan for the locker building to be erected by the Columbia Yacht Club, on the Strandway, under the vote of the Board of July 11,1901,was received; and it was

VOTED, that the "Plan of Lockers in Annex to Columbia Yacht Club," O. D. Mann, Architect, submitted this day, be approved.

A report from Engineer Putnam that the surface drainage from Peters Hill which now flows on to land of F.E.Kendall has caused some damage to his property, was received; and the Superintendent was authorized to excavate a gutter to turn the drainage into the roadway gutter and catch-basin at Fairview street entrance.

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BOSTON, MAY 12, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Assistant Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Assistant City Clerk certifying the appointment and qualification of Charles E. Stratton as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the term ending April 30, 1905, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to the construction of surface drains in Queensberry and Jersey streets, and asking if this Department desires to connect the catch-basins in Audubon Road and pay the increased cost, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Deputy Superintendent of the Paving Division of the Street Department, requesting to be informed of the desires of the Department in regard to the set-back of the edgestone on the new line of Longwood avenue, at the Riverway, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for driveways across the car reservation on Columbia Road, opposite

Wales place and Devon street, together with a report from Engineer Putnam thereon, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Fred H. Briggs, complaining of carelessness on the part of the owner of automobile #176, in turning the corner of Boylston and Ipswich streets, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from A. C. Fernald, Secretary of the Boston Yacht Club, in relation to the letter of the Board of April 29, requesting the removal of the Club's dolphins, stating that the dolphins were erected under a license of the Harbor & Land Commissioners, approved by the Board; and that, therefore, the expense of removal should be borne by the Board, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of D. W. Waldron for picnics at Franklin Park was received, and it was

VOTED, that the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold a series of picnics at Long Crouch Woods, during the week beginning July 21, under the usual conditions and with the same privileges that have been accorded them in past years.

A petition of Guy F. Newhall and others, for the removal of trees and the putting of Roslindale Playground in condition for ball playing, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of St. Catherine's Temperance Society of Ward 3, for permission to play a game of base ball on Mystic Playground on Decoration Day, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of C. L. Jones for permission to remove the old Oak Square schoolhouse from its present location was received; and it was

VOTED, that permission to remove the building be granted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from A. W. Belden in regard to a complaint that he was exceeding the authority of his permit in occupying a part of Columbia Road for erecting a building, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Frederick Ayer, relative to connecting a passageway with Audubon Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A petition from the B. F. Sturtevant Company and others

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for the location of a playground on Brookside avenue, between Cornwall and other streets, was received through R.S.Barrows, and placed on file.

Jas. F. Clarke, Sec'y

BOSTON, MAY 16, 1902.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 66 Devonshire street, at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

The Board estimated the expense of taking a parcel of land on Cottage, Gove, and Lubec streets, East Boston, for a playground, at $24,827.04; and passed the following act of taking:-

In Board of Park Commissioners,
May 16,1902.

The City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 225 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, does hereby, through its Board of Park Commissioners duly constituted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, take in fee for a public playground the following described parcel of land situate in that part of the City of Boston called East Boston, an appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated expense of said taking having been made by the City Council of said City; namely, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the East Boston Company, bounded northwesterly by Lubec street, so-called, 425 feet; northeasterly by Gove street, so-called, 203 and 21/100 feet; southeasterly by Cottage street, so-called, 461 and 68/100 feet; and southwesterly by land supposed to belong to Josephine Arthur, Vincenze Nicola Bellizia and Giovanni Bellizia, Margaret Clemens, Duncan D. Russell, and Ignazie Messina, 200 feet: containing 88,668 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan dated May 13,1902, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office.

C I T Y O F B O S T O N

by Charles E. Stratton
Laban Pratt
Jas. M. Prendergast
The Board of Park Commissioners
of said City.

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VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 16, 1902, a parcel of land containing 38,668 square feet, more or less, on Lubec, Gove, and Cottage streets, in East Boston, supposed to belong to the East Boston Company, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said East Boston Company the sum of twenty-four thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven and 4/100 dollars, upon the said Company's proving title thereto, and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, subject to taxes for 1902,and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground Ward 2.

A lease to Daniel F. Casey of the privilege of conducting a boat service at Marine Park, until December 31, 1902, was approved and signed by the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke.
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BOSTON, MAY 19, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting, also of special meeting of May 16, were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of the Superintendent of Streets, in regard to connecting the surface drainage of Audubon Road with the drainage of Queensberry and Jersey streets; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to the communication of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Councilman Conway's request that St. Catherine's Temperance Society have permission to play a game of base ball at Mystic Playground, on Decoration Day; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on improvements at Wood Island Park, suggested by a Committee of the East Boston

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Citizens' Trade Association; and the same was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for permission to pave two driveways on Columbia Road across the car reservations; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Company, that, in the opinion of the Board, the construction of a driveway across the track opposite Wales place would serve all necessary purposes, and that a permit therefor on the lines shown in pencil on the plan of C.E. Plimpton, dated May 3, 1902, will be issued on application.

Orders of the Common Council requesting that Charlestown Heights be lighted, that hand-ball courts be laid out at Charlestown Playground, and that tennis courts be laid out and drinking fountains erected at Roslindale Playground and Billings Field, were received with reports thereon by the Superintendent; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Deputy Superintendent of the Paving Division of the Street Department relative to relaying the edgestone at Longwood avenue corner of the Riverway, was received, together with a report thereon by the Superintendent, and was referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request was made to the Police Board for the appointment of Ralph A. Goodwin, Charles A. Boardman, and Harry O. Dame, instructors at Columbus Avenue Playground, as special police officers.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from James B. Noyes relative to placing more suitable seats on Commonwealth avebue; and the Superintendent was directed to look into the matter.

A request of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to open Fairfield street across Commonwealth avenue, for the purpose of laying a conduit of nine ducts, was received; and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit in the usual form.

A communication from the Board of Police, in answer to the Chairman's letter relative to pedestrians crossing the Arboretum brook, the protection of the swans, and an additional officer at Jamaica Pond, was received and placed on file.

A petition from E. P. Gerry and others, requesting that the playground in Franklin Park be used for base ball, was received and referred to the Chairman.

Messrs Moses Williams and John Storer, Trustees of the

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Boston Water Power Company, came before the Board and submitted a request in writing, that the restrictions on their land on Boylston Road, at Ipswich street,be modified so as to permit of the erection of a building of six stories in height. Mr. Storer stated that it was proposed by Messrs Lowell and Herrick, Trustees, to erect a building of six stories on the site,with an ornamental roof for bachellor apartments, from designs by S.D.Butterworth,Jr.. Mr. Butterworth, who was present, explained his plans, which were to build an ornamental structure of six stories, which would be seventy feet high at the cornice line, somewhat after the style of the Somerset Hotel, with half a story more in a roof. The Board took the matter under consideration.

VOTED, to advertise for proposals for the erection of a locker and lavatory building at First Street Playground, from plans of Wales & Holt, Architects: the bids to be received and opened June 3,1902.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, MAY 26, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the West Indian Wanderers' Cricket Club for the use of grounds at Franklin Field, recommending the assignment of grounds which can be prepared for their use with but little labor; and it was

VOTED, that the West Indian Wanderers' Cricket Club be permitted the use of grounds at Franklin Field for cricket, during the season of 1902, in such location as may be approved by the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr.Ware's complaint of the condition of a sanitary at Castle Island, and submitted a report from Mr. Duncan thereon.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the gardeners of the Department for an increase in salary, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report and suggestions regarding the making of trails in the parks, which was referred to the Secretary to confer with the Corporation Counsel and draw up an ordinance to prevent it.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of lights at the gymnasiums for evening class work, which was referred to the Chairman to notify the Superintendent of Lamps.

An order of the City Council requesting that seats be erected for spectators at M Street Playground, was received and placed on file.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the erection of a women's lavatory building near the golf house, Franklin Park, also that Marine Park pier be kept open until 10.30 P.M., with reports thereon by the Superintendent were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Charles P. Anderson, President of the Ashmont Improvement Association, to Mayor Collins, calling attention to the necessity for the employment of a keeper at Christopher Gibson Playground, to guard against danger from the use of the apparatus, was received from the Mayor and referred to the Chairman.

Executive Circular, number 7, relative to the use of water and application to the Water Department therefor, was received and placed on file.

A request of Fire Commissioner Russell that a tree-pruner be detailed to act with a man from the Fire Department in trimming trees on Prince street, in order that the fire alarm wires may be of service was received with a report from the Superintendent and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Boston Asphalt Company relative to the removal of personal property on land taken for the extension of the Strandway, was received and placed on file.

The resignation of B. K. Howard from the Engineering Force of the Department, and requesting that certain personal effects may be stored in the room occupied by him in Pine Bank Building, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Police Department acknowledging the receipt of a letter from Dr. Horace Packard in regard to

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misconduct at the Fens, was received and placed on file.

The following bids for furnishing and delivering 1264 linear feet of curbstone on Columbia Road, were received:

	On Wharf		Distributed	
	per lin.ft.	Total.	per lin.ft.	Total.
William L. Miller,	$0.67	$846.88	$0.77	$973.28
P.F.Dugan,			.75	948.00
H. Gore & Co.,			.77	973.28
House of Correction,	.75	948.00		
Quincy Quarry Company,			.80	1011.20
Simpson Brothers Corporation,	.78	985.92	.85	1074.40

A communication from Mary J. Pearce, requesting that a permanent fence be erected between her land and the Roslindale Playground,was received, read, and placed on file; and the Superintendent was directed to submit an estimate of the cost of fencing the Playground.

Jos. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, JUNE 2, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshier street, at 3.30 P.M.Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr.Pratt being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Frederick Ayer and D. S. McDonald that the Board open an entrance to Audubon Road from the passageway between their estates; and the Secretary was directed to reply, that the Board will permit them to connect the passageway with the Parkway, under the regulations governing such entrances, as provided for in the indenture between the land owners and the City, in regard to Audubon Road; or, if they prefer, this Department will construct the entrance at their expense.

Executive circular, number 8, calling attention to the order of the Board of Aldermen regarding a holiday on May 31, was received and placed on file.

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A request of the City Point Wheelmen that First Street Playground running-track be put in good condition, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the Music Department for the use of park grounds for giving band concerts the coming season, also that they be allowed to distribute printed programs at Marine Park, and that a duplicate key to the music stand be provided them, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of Charles F. Morse, Secretary Bath Trustees, that the Tomlin boys be permitted to erect a temporary stand for the checking of bicycles at the L-Street Bathhouse, also a petition from James Dunlap for the same privilege, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request from Mr. Julius Pratt for a renewal of the insurance on the Wood Island Park bathhouses was received, and referred to the Chairman.

A request of Daniel H. Goodridge,Lieut and Chief of B Company Naval Brigade, for permission to use the small room under the platform leading to the pier on the southerly side of the Head House, Marine Park, for the storing of mathamatical and nautical instruments, boat gear,etc.,belonging to the Company, was received; and it was

VOTED, that Company B. Naval Brigade, M.V.M. be permitted to use the Engineer's room under the platform at the Head House, Marine Park, for the storage of their instruments, boat gear, etc.,during the present season.

A hearing was given on the petition of the Trustees of the Boston Water Power Company for a modification of the restrictions on a lot of land belonging to the Boston Water Power Company on Ipswich street and Boylston Road in the Fens, so as to permit of the erection of a six-story building; notices of the hearing having been sent to all persons who were parties to the agreement for the restrictions. There were present Messrs Williams and Storer, Trustees of the Boston Water Power Company, Mr. C. F. French, Attorney,for the Company, Mr. Arthur P. Dana, Trustee of the Dana lands, Mr. Ellison representing the Heirs of Albert G. Nickerson, Mr. Roundy representing Mr.Shepherd Brooks, Mr. R. T. Paine,Jr.,and Mr. McDonald, Architect of the proposed building.

Mr. Storer presented a plan of the building which Messrs Augustus P. Loring and Robert F. Herrick,Trustees, desired to

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erect, and said, that, in negotiating a sale of the land, they found that the restrictions limited the building to five stories in height, this he thought a mistake, as the height permitted had been increased from sixty to seventy feet, but the number of stories allowed had remained the same as before. The Trustees of the Water Power Company had not noticed this discrepancy when they put the restrictions on the land, which action was entirely voluntary on their part. Mr. Storer said that the erection of the building proposed would be a stepping-stone between the built up portion of the Back Bay and the undeveloped part.

Mr. Williams said that the gentlemen who are negotiating for the land will erect a building which willbe a credit to the City, and that changing the restrictions to enable this to be done will invade nobody's rights.

Mr. Dana, speaking for the Trustees of the Dana lands, said they had no objections to having the restrictions removed from this lot, as, in their opinion, it would be an advantage to the other lands to have the building erected.

Letters were read from Robert Treat Paine in favor, and from Shepherd Brooks opposing any change in the restrictions. The hearing was closed, and subsequently it was

VOTED, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council the passage of an order authorizing the Board to modify the restrictions upon the lot of land bounded borther ly by Ipswich street and easterly by Boylston Road in the Fens, so as to permit of the erection of a six-foot story building upon said lot.

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BOSTON, JUNE 3, 1902

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City. Also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam.

The following bids for erecting a locker and lavatory building on First Street Playground were publicly opened and read:

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William J. Hatch,	$9,113.00
W. A. & H. A. Foot,	8,691.00
John J. Flynn,	10,627.00
Henry McGahey,	13,090.00

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John Manning,	1,998.00
B. J. Kinnaly,	2,175.00

The Aberthaw Construction Company submitted, through Messrs Wales & Holt, a bid for toilet and shower bath floors, and plastering inside walls of shower-bath rooms of the locker building for $317.

The bids were taken under advisement, and the Superintendent was directed to see if the plan could not be modified so as to reduce the cost of the building to about $7500.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Fire Commissioner Russell, for permission to trim trees on Prince street, recommending that the position of the posts be changed so as to prevent the mutilation of the trees; and and the matter was referred to the Chairman to inform Commissioner Russell of the desire of the Board that the posts be changed.

VOTED, that the Superintendent make arrangements with the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration to take charge of the granting of permits, for sale of refreshments and similar purposes, on said day, as in former years at Charlestown Playground.

The Superintendent reported that the petition of James Dunlap for permission to establish a bicycle stand at the L-Street bathhouses, and report of Secretary Morse of the Bath Trustees, that the privilege be given to the Tomlin boys who have carried it on for two years past, recommending that no change be made. It was, thereupon

VOTED, to refuse the petition of James Dunlap, and to allow the Tomlin boys to continue the business temporarily, or until notified to discontinue the same.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company submitting a new plan of the location of driveway across the car reservation on Columbia Road, opposite Wales place, was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, JUNE 9, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting, also special meeting of June 3, were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mrs. K. G. Wells's letter of June 3, relative to the temporary appointment of assistants at Charlesbank, during Miss Cutler's absence; and it was

VOTED, that Miss Cutler, superintendentof the Women's gymnasium, Charlesbank, be given leave of absence until September, and that Miss Brigham be superintendent, Miss Manship first assistant and Miss Breck second assistant during her absence, and be allowed the pay attaching to the respective positions.

The Superintendent reported that he had conferred with the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association with regard to the holding of sports by the Association at Jamaica Pond, on July 4th,and recommended that the same privilege be given them as last year. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, that the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association be given the same privileges at Jamaica Pond and adjacent grounds July 4th, as were granted to the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association last year, provided that sufficient police is furnished to protect the shrubs and trees from damage, and that all the arrangements shall be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the request of Councilman Bromberg for tennis courts, drinking fountains,etc., for Roslindale Playground and Billings Field; also on complaint of Thomas Doyle of noise and broken windows in the vicinity of Fellows Street Playground; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report and recommendation with regard to bids for furnishing curbstone at the Strandway, and it was

VOTED, to reject all the bids, and invite new proposals for furnishing the curbstone.

The Superintendent was directed to notify the police to permit boys not over seventeen years of age to play baseball on the Franklin Park playground.

Executive circular, number 8, relative to leave of absence

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for members of the M. V. M. on annual muster day, and other days when they may be called to perform military duites, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Fire Commissioner Russell in answer to the letter of the Board relative to the Fire Department's wires on Prince street, was received and referred to the Superintendent to arrange with the Fire Department for a relocation of its box and wires.

A communication from M. M. Cunniff, inquiring as to action taken in regard to contemplated improvement on Reservoir Road and on Wade street, Chestnut Hill, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Shepherd Brooks withdrawing opposition to a modification of restrictions on the land of the Boston Water Power Company, was received and placed on file.

A request of T. M. Clark that numbers for houses fronting on the Fens be assigned, also that the name of Audubon Road, from Charlesgate West to Longwood Entrance, be changed to Fenway West, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Francis Peabody Jr.,Trustees Somerset Hotel Trust, transmitting a petition from residents or land owners on Commonwealth avenue that the port cochere erected in front of the ladies' entrance to the hotel be not disturbed, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mary J. Pierce, Administratrix, relative to the annoyance caused by the frequenters of Roslindale Playground and the need of a fence between the Playground and her estate,was received and referred to the Superintendent with instructions to see Mrs. Pierce in regard to the matter.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, JUNE 16, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Miss Good's appli-

cation for appointment as teacher of a playground; and the Superintendent was instructed to give her a trial.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the dolphins erected by the Boston Yacht Club, also in regard to fences erected by the various yacht clubs and the condition of the grounds occupied by them; and communications were sent to the various yacht clubs in relation thereto.

VOTED, that all employees of the Department whose services can be dispensed with be given a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, for the purpose of holding their annual picnic, on such day as they may select, with the approval of the Superintendent.

Mayor's circular, number 10, requesting estimates for construction work was received and referred to the Chairman.

Several communications from the Board of Police in answer to letters from the Board relative to conversations between police officers and park workmen, destruction of property at Rogers Park and North Brighton Playground, and complaints of noise and broken windows at Fellows Street, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that a notice in the following form be posted in the small triangle of Christopher Gibson Playground, and at Fellows Street and Mystic playgrounds:- This Playground is only for the use of women and for children under fourteen years of age.

The Superintendent submitted communications he had received from Dr. E. S. Boland and Rev. Percy H. Epler expressing gratification regarding the laying out of tennis courts at M Street Playground.

A communication from J. H. Caldwell, Superintendent Income Division of the Water Department, regarding the water bill for the Head House, Marine Park, was received, and a communication was sent to the Water Commissioner requesting that the bill be abated.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting permission to discharge the surface water from Queensberry and Jersey streets into the Fens, was received; and it was

VOTED, to decline the request for the reasons stated in the reply of the Board (See Letter Book 9 page 137).

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the drainage of Foster street, Brighton, was received and placed on file.

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A communication from Ralph A. Quimby, suggesting that settees be placed in Dorchester Park, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Julius Pratt, relative to the expiration of insurance on buildings at North End Beach, was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor.

A request of the Music Commissioners for permission to erect a band stand on Charlestown Playground, June 17, was received; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request, the bandstand to be removed on the following day.

The following bids for furnishing 1264 linear feet of granite curbstone at the Strandway were received:

	Price per foot.		Total	
	On wharf.	Distributed.	On wharf.	Distributed
S & R. J.Lombard,	$0.65	$0.74	$821.60	$935.36
H. Gore & Company,	.65	.77	821.60	973.28
P. F. Duggan,	.66	.75	834.24	948.00
William L. Miller,	.67	.77	846.88	973.28
House of Correction,	.72		910.08	
Quincy Granite Quarries Co.		.80		1011.20
Simpson Bros.Corporation,	.77	.83	973.28	1049.12

and the Superintendent was directed to award the work jointly to S & R.J.Lombard and H. Gore & Company.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, JUNE 23, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report in answer to an article in the Herald, regarding the elm louse on the trees on Commonwealth avenue; and a reply was sent to the Editor of the Herald.

The Superintendent submitted reports on orders of the Common Council requesting that seats be placed on the Charles-street

side of Charlesbank, and on the boulevard between Boston street and Edison Green; and a report on the same was sent to the Mayor.

An order of the City Council appropriating five thousand dollars for park construction was received and placed on file.

Communications from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, acknowledging the receipt of a communication from the Board relative to the trimming of trees overhanging Prince street, and from the Board of Police stating that they would instruct their officers to abate the nuisance relative to the watering of horses at the park drinking-fountains, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Health Department relative to the sanitary condition of the Back Bay Fens basin was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Allied Societies Coronation Festival Association to parade on Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington street to Dartmouth street, on June 26, was received; and it was

VOTED, to permit the organizations which will parade under the auspices of the Allied Societies Coronation Festival Association, on June 26, to pass through Commonwealth avenue west side, between Arlington and Dartmouth streets, on condition that a sufficient detail of police is provided to protect the trees from injury.

Communications from Rev. Charles F. Dole, President of the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association, and others, asking the Board to permit an oration to be delivered in Olmsted Park on the Fourth of July, were received, and a reply denying the petition was sent to the President of the Association.

A request of the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps for the use of a room on the southerly side of the Head House, as an emergency room in case of accident occurring in the water, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of Thomas F. Clark for a permit for a stand at Wood Island Park, July 4th, was received; and it was

VOTED, to refuse the request.

The Chairman was authorized to apply to the Board of Police for the appointment of James H. Kelley as a special police officer to serve in and about the administration offices, Pine Bank, in connection with his duties as janitor.

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A communication from Daniel F. Fitzgerald, calling attention to the lack of dippers at the drinking faucets at the Head House, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

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BOSTON, JUNE 26, 1902.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

A communication was received from the City Solicitor, enclosing copy of deed of release from the Heirs of Davis Sears, of Berners square, and it was

VOTED, that in consideration of the release to the City by the Heirs of David Sears of all their right, title and interest in Berners Square, so-called, taken for a public park on the 20th day of May, 1901, the City of Boston shall assume the betterments assessed, if any ever are assessed, upon the lands of the grantors and the lands of the Trustees under the will of David Sears by reason of the establishing and use of said square as a public park; and in consideration of said release the Board hereby agrees that said Berners Square shall be used for park purposes and not for a playground.

VOTED, that the thanks of the Board be extended to the grantors for their release to the City of said land.

In Board of Park Commissioners.
June 26,1902

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 412 of the acts of the year 1898, and chapter 279 of the acts of the year 1899, does hereby take for a playground the following described parcel of land situate in that part of Boston formerly called West Roxbury; namely,

A parcel of land supposed to belong to the Heirs of Charles W. Whittemore, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the northeasterly line of land taken for sewerage purposes October 8,1896, with the southeasterly line of Washington street, and running northeasterly on said Washing-

ton street 329 and 39/100 feet to land supposed to belong to the President and Fellows of Harvard College; thence running southeasterly on said land by two lines, 800 feet and 713 and 25/100 feet to land supposed to belong to Charles E. Tuttle; thence running southwesterly on said last mentioned land by two lines, 120 feet and 313 and 3/100 feet to Florence street; thence running westerly and southwesterly on said Florence street by two lines 75 and 97/100 feet and 811 and 2/100 feet to said land taken for sewerage purposes; thence running northwesterly on said last mentioned land 797 and 80/100 feet to the point of beginning: containing 419,584 square feet, more or less.

Said parcel of land being shown on a plan of Forest Hill Playground, West Roxbury, dated June 2, 1902, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, on file in his office, a copy whereof is to be filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
Jas. M. Prendergast,
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed June 26, 1902, a parcel of land containing 419,584 square feet, more or less, on Washington and Florence streets, West Roxbury, supposed to belong to the Heirs of Charles W. Whittemore, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Willard P. Whittemore, Parker W. Whittemore, Mason B. Whittemore, and Parker W. Whittemore Guardian of Edith F. Whittemore, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, subject to taxes for 1902, and to the unpaid balance of a sewer assessment upon said parcel of land, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

VOTED, that pursuant to the provisions of chapter 48, Section 16, of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, the following described property of the Boston Asphalt Company be sold by

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S. R. Knights & Company, by public auction, on Tuesday, July 8, 1902, and that seven days' notice be given to said Boston Asphalt Company by serving on it a copy of this vote and the Auctioneer's notice, said sale to be for the benefit of the owners of said property:-

1 - 14" by 18" Donovan & Swift engine
1 - 12" by 20" Atlas engine
1 - 5ft by 14 ft horizontal boiler
1 - 42" by 10 ft.portable horizontal boiler
2 - 48" magic ore crushers

also shafting, pulleys, hangers, leather belting, bucket elevators, sprockets, chains, screen and hay scale, also three frame buildings to be torn down, said property being located on the Strandway, at the foot of Vale street So.Boston.

VOTED, that pursuant to the provisions of chapter 48,section 16 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, the following described property of Jones & Meehan, be sold by S. R. Knights & Company, by public auction, on Tuesday, July 8, 1902, and that seven days' notice of said sale be given to said Jones & Meehan by serving on them a copy of this vote with the Auctioneer's notice, said sale to be for the benefit of the owners of said property:-

2 asphalt heaters located on the Strandway, at the foot of Vale street, South Boston.

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BOSTON, JULY 1, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting and of special meeting of June 26 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Mr. Hollis Webster, for a permit to conduct field excursions in botany in the parks, also for a list of introduced shrubs. The Superintendent stated that he was having the list prepared,

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and the Secretary was directed to send a permit to Mr. Webster as requested.

The Superintendent submitted a recommendation that the watering of the bridle paths be discontinued for the present, and the money used on plantations; and it was

VOTED, to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Kendall's claim for damages on account of surface water from the Arboretum flowing on to his property; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. T. M. Clark's suggestion that the name of "Audubon Road" be changed to "Fenway West", also regarding numbers for houses on said Road, recommending that no change be made in the name, and that the Street Department's system of numbering be adhered to, and that the Street Department be asked to furnish numbers in accordance with a plan to be prepared.

A communication from the Board of Police, in reply to a letter of this Board of June 28, with reference to burglaries and to dogs running at large in the parks, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Messrs Jones & Meehan, stating that they had removed their personal property from the Strandway, and that the two asphalt heaters should be sold with the buildings, were received and placed on file.

Communications from John F. Dever, Clerk of Committees, requesting that a bicycle track be laid out at Franklin Park for races on July 4th, and that the Committee in charge of the Celebrations July 4th be given permission to hold various entertainments in the parks, also a similar request from the Music Trustees were received; and it was

VOTED, that the Committee of the City Government having charge of the celebrations July 4th be given permission to give an exhibition of fireworks at Marine Park, Christopher Gibson Playground, Franklin Field, North End Park and Wood Island Park; bicycle races at Franklin Park and various games at Charlestown Playground M Street Playground and Charlesbank: provided all the arrangements for said events be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, including a sufficient detail of police.

VOTED, that the Music Trustees acting in behalf of the

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Special Committee of the City Council for the Celebration of July 4th be given permission to give band concerts at Wood Island Park, Marine Park, Roslindale Playground, North End Park, Christopher Gibson Playground, and Billings Field; provided all the arrangements for said concerts be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, including a sufficient detail of police.

A communication from the South Boston Yacht Club denying that the Club had erected a fence contrary to the provisions of its lease was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, calling attention to the old lumber and schooner on the Strandway, belonging to Ralph W. Dean, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Water Commissioner with reference to the abatement of the water rates at Marine Park for the year 1902, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Sewer Division of the Street Department with reference to the lowering of the water pipe on Franklin Field was received and placed on file, the matter having been attended to.

A communication from Messrs D. J. McDonald and Frederick Ayer, agreeing to pay one-half the cost of opening the alleyway on their premises to Audubon Road was submitted by the Superintendent; and he was authorized to do the work in accordance therewith.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 12, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Executive Circular, number 11, directing heads of departments to give their employees a holiday on July 5, was received and placed on file.

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A communication from City Colicitor Babson in regard to the settlement of the betterment assessed upon the estate of the Heirs of Josiah Robinson was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the betterment suit of Mary A. Clark and others, heirs of Josiah Robinson for the reduction of the park betterment assessment on their estate, corner of Prince and Pond streets, on the basis of fifty per cent. of the assessment without interest; provided they cause to be dismissed their petition for a writ of certiorari and subject their remaining land to the usual park restrictions.

A communication from the Music Trustees enclosing a list of concerts for 1902 was received, and it was

VOTED, that the Music Trustees be authorized to give concerts in the public parks in accordance with their list of summer concerts for 1902, provided all the arrangements for said concerts, including a sufficient detail of police, be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

A report from the Superintendent on the request of Michael Sarfaty for permission to transfer his concession at Wood Island Park to other parties, recommending that the request be refused, and that he be offered one hundred dollars for his building, was received; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to ack in accordance with his recommendation.

A communication from the Superintendent enclosing a letter from the Deputy Superintendent of the Paving Division referring to the change suggested by this Department in the lay-out of Columbia Road, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in answer to a letter from the Board and,stating its intention to apply for the location of poles on the Parkway at East Cottage street, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Board of Police, in reply to letters from this Board in regard to stationing police officers at Mystic and Fellows Streets playgrounds, and the giving of instructions to officers to protect property and to require permits from the Park Department before permitting the erection of poles on the parkways were received and placed on file.

A report from the Superintendent recom ending that Mystic Playground be open to base ball games without limit of age,after

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6 P.M., and on Saturday afternoons and on holidays, as an experiment; and it was

VOTED, that the playing of baseball be permitted on Mystic Playground after six P.M., and on Saturday afternoons after 12 o'clock M. and on holidays; and that at other times the use of the Playground be reserved for children under fifteen years of age.

The Chairman stated that the Mayor had approved the taking of the Whittemore land for the Forest Hills Playground, and that there was no longer reason for retaining the land previously taken from Harvard College for this playground. It was, thereupon

VOTED, that the recent taking by the City of nine and six-tenths acres of land on Washington street, between Forest Hills and Roslindale, for a playground, renders it no longer necessary to retain the lands on Washington street heretofore taken from the President and Fellows of Harvard College for playground purposes, and the Board, therefore, recommends that said lands be sold and conveyed for a nominal consideration to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, as authorized by chapter 187 of the acts of the year 1901; said lands being bounded and described as follows: Northwestwardly by Washington street, 400 and 12/100 feet, northeasterly by other land of said President and Fellows of Harvard College, 906 and 87/100 feet, southeasterly by land supposed to belong to Clarence E. Tuttle, 655 and 23/100 feet, southwesterly by other land of said President and Fellows of Harvard College, 841 feet: containing 449,600 square feet, more or less, said parcel being shown on a plan of land in West Roxbury taken for a playground January 1, 1900, signed by C. E. Putnam, Assistant Engineer, on file in the office of this Board, a copy whereof is filed in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to consider the expediency of constructing an indoor gymnasium and swimming pool in conection with a library and reading-room in the Franklin Park refectory building, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Francis J. Garrison, to the Mayor, in regard to the condition of the Garrison monument, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

VOTED, that, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the pay

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of the gardeners employed in this Department, be increased twenty-five cents per day, in acordance with the following schedule:

Bean	Edward Thomas	from	$2.75	to	$3.00
Drewett,	Frank	"	2.75	"	3.00
Fischer	William E	"	2.75	"	3.00
Hanson	James F	"	2.25	"	2.50
Hodgens	James J	"	2.75	"	3.00
McManus	Peter M	"	2.75	"	3.00
McNulty	Edward	"	2.75	"	3.00
McCartney	Wesley W	"	2.75	"	3.00
Travers	John	"	2.75	"	3.00
Twomey	John	"	2.25	"	2.50
Walters	Charles	"	2.75	"	3.00
Volk	Anton	"	2.25	"	2.50

Scott Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 19, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commisioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M.Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Prendergast being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council requesting the Board to grant its employees a half-holiday on Saturdays, without loss of pay; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that the residents of Ward 3 be allowed to play base ball on Mystic Playground between the hours of 8 A.M. and 8 P.M.,stating that he had transmitted to the police the new regulations giving the use of the Playground to men and large boys after 6 o'clock P.M.and on Saturdays after 12 o'clock M.,and on legal holidays.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter of Francis J. Garrison, referred by the Mayor, relating to the condition of the Garrison monument on Commonwealth avenue

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and the advisability of erecting a fence about it; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to reply to Mr. Garrison's letter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Ward 2, East Boston, Playground, and the closing of tennis courts temporarily, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for furnishing winter uniforms, and recommended that the awards be made as indicated by asterisks on the tabulated statement:

		Spitz Bros.	Leopold Morse & Co.	Last year's award.
Sheepskin lined coats.	#1 --	$2.56	$2.65	$2.31
	#2 --	2.48*		
Felt-lined coats.	#1 --	1.50	1.65	1.79
	#2 --	1.54*		
Pants.	#1 --	.55	1.00	.70
	#2 --	.74*		
Shirts.	#1 --	1.80	1.65	1.60
	#2 --	1.75*	1.88	
	#3 --	1.86		
	#4 --	1.80		
Caps.	#1 --	.66	.40	.66
	#2 --	.68		
	#3 --	.64*		

it was thereupon

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendations be adopted.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to obtain the removal of the railway station of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company at Wood Island Park to the northerly side of the tracks of said Railroad Company was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Thomas D. Roberts requesting, on behalf of the Roxbury Cricket Club, the use of the grounds at Franklin Field formerly used by the Boston Cricket Club, also communication from James H. Stark calling attention to the need of a nearer approach to Savin Hill Playground, and suggesting that Rockdale street be laid out as a public way, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from E. W. Clark, for the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association, requesting permission to place a temporary raft on Jamaica Pond for the City band concert, July 25, was received, and it was

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VOTED, to grant the Committee of the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association permission to place a temporary raft on Jamaica Pond from which to give the band concert on July 25, provided the raft be constructed in a manner satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, and be removed immediately thereafter.

A communication from M. M. Cunniff in relation to the proposed taking of land on Reservoir Road and Wade street, for the Chestnut Hill Park, was received and placed on file.

A communication from G. E. Perkins requesting the privilege for his son to fly kites displaying flags and banners in the parks, was received; and it was

VOTED, to decline his request; and that the Secretary notify him accordingly.

A communication from Marcus M. Smith, offering $1000 for the parcel of land belonging to the City on Seaver and Harold streets, was received and laid over.

Communications from the Board of Police stating that they would notify their officers of the change made in the regulations governing Mystic Playground, and to see that no shooting is done in Dorchester Park, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that L. E. Bova, lessee of the Head House, Marine Park, be authorized, in connection with the business done at the Head House on Sundays, to sell unshelled peanuts and other nut foods from a stand on the pier, in such location as the Superintendent of Parks shall approve.

Jos. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, JULY 28, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stra'ton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting the removal of the railroad station at Wood Island Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of J. A. Hendrie and Brother for permission to erect a bandstand on Franklin Field, for the purpose of giving public band concerts; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps for permission to use a part of a side room in the Head House, Marine Park, as an emergency room and for the storage of apparatus, recommending that the request be granted; and it was

VOTED, to permit the use of the room as recommended by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Messrs Holbrook, Cabot, & Rollins for permission to enter the grounds at Charlesbank in their work of constructing the approaches to the Cambridge bridge, and remove the shed attached to the women's gymnasium building with the understanding that they would replace or rebuild the same, recommending that the request be granted; and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit to Holbrook, Cabot, and Rollins in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a report from A. L. Plimpton regarding the danger of accidents from the closed gates at the Arboretum; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with Professor Sargent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Roxbury Cricket Club to have the old cricket grounds at Franklin Field restored for their use; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Sarfaty's building at Wood Island Park; and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Sarfaty to remove the building.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of McNeill Brothers for leave to erect a guy post opposite number 43 Commonwealth avenue while the work of removing the building is in progress, recommending that the request be granted; and it was

VOTED, to grant permission to erect the guy post as requested, under the direction of the Superintendent.

The offer of Marcus M. Smith of one thousand dollars for the lot of land belonging to the City at the corner of Sewer

and Harold streets was taken up; and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Slattery, counsel for Mr. Smith, that the Board cannot entertain an offer of less than one dollar per foot.

Executive circular number 12, relative to advertisements for proposals to construct buildings or other public works, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Corporation Counsel A. J. Bailey, relative to the preparationof papers in regard to selling lands to Harvard College, was received and placed on file, the Secretary having transmitted the vote of the Board of July 12 to Mr. Bailey.

A communication from the Water Commissioner relative to water bills for the Marine Park Head House was received, and placed on file.

A communication from Messrs Pierce & Cox, requesting a list of persons owning automobiles registered in this Department, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Margaret P. Linehan et al., protesting against the storage of stone opposite her property on Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Charles S. Rackemann accompanying license from S. B. Dana to enter his land in order to place a drain pipe therein for the drainage of Billings Field, and letters of acknowledgment from the Board of Police, Francis J. Garrison, and P. McKenzie, were received and placed on file.

A communication from P. W. Whittemore, suggesting that the new playground in Roslindale be called "Whittemore Field", in memory of his father, and from Mary J. Pierce requesting early action in regard to the promised fence at Roslindale Playground, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Communications from Councilman James McLane, requesting that a back stop be erected on the Playground near Mercer street; from the Assistant Librarian of the Medical Library, requesting the replacing of the sign at the corner of Boylston Road and the Fenway; and from J. H. Weld, Chairman of the Committee on Public Grounds of the Roslindale Citizen's Association, requesting information about the new playground at Roslindale, for publication in the local paper, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application

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of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for permission to erect and maintain three poles with the wires to be placed thereon, on the parkway of Columbia Road at East Cottage street, as shown on a plan dated July 7, 1902; and it was

VOTED, not to grant permission as requested; and that the Secretary notify the Company accordingly.

The Superintendent reported a claim by Dr. Johnson for services for attendance on a child who was burned by the embers of a fire at the Nursery, Franklin Park; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Doctor, that the Board does not consider that the City is liable.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Rosie Gilligan, widow of James Gilligan, the amount due him on the pay-rolls of this Department.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Peter J. Callahan, son-in-law of George McCabe, deceased, the amount due him on the pay-rolls of this Department.

The Superintendent submitted a plan showing a relocation of the trolley poles of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Columbia Road, at the bridge of the Midland Division of the N.Y.N.H.& H.R.R., which had been agreed to by the Boston Elevated Railroad and the Street Department; it was, thereupon

VOTED, to approve the location of the poles as shown on the plan.

The Superintendent submitted a plan of the land of Charles F. Berry, Trustee, and others, at the junction of the Riverway and Huntington avenue, showing certain areas which he deemed desirable to add to the parkway; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Berry in regard to the price at which they would sell the same.

VOTED, to recommend to the Mayor the securing of the land shown on plan number 3, for an enlargement of Chestnut Hill Park, under the order of the City Council of December 12, 1901, appropriating $25,000 for park purposes in Brighton.

A petition from Howard N. Legate and others in regard to closing tennis courts, particularly on Saturdays, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Gentle Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 4, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting this Board to consider the expediency of constructing an indoor gymnasium and swimming-pool in connection with a library and reading-room at the Refectory, Franklin Park, and to report an estimate of cost of providing such an equipment.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of additional equipment for wagon repairing, which he recommended be purchased; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the improvement of the grounds and erection of permanent fences at the yacht club sites, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report and recommendation regarding the disposition of teeter-boards found impracticable for use at Fellows Street and Christopher Gibson Playgrounds; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to dispose of the boards as he recommends.

A communication from James A. Lowell regarding an injury to a boy while using a sliding pole at Columbus Avenue Playground was received, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board is informed that the City is under no liability for such accidents, and that his letter will be referred to the Law Department.

A communication from J. C. Hewlett requesting the use of Roslindale Playground for a public mass meeting, in the interest of five-cent fares from Roslindale to Boston, was received; and the Secretary was directed to reply, that the rules governing the parks and playgrounds forbid such meetings for any purpose however worthy.

Communications from the Board of Police acknowledging letters of the Board relative to the preservation of order at Neponset Playground. and teams crossing Columbia Road at unauthorized places, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Messrs Brandeis, Dunbar and Nutter.

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regarding the flooding of Mr. Adamson's cellar, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with them as requested.

The Superintendent submitted an offer from H. B. Storm to remove from the Strandway the old schooner and scow bottom belonging to Ralph W. Dean, upon payment of seventy-five dollars and some of the planking from the old Burnham wharf, and recommended the acceptance of the offer. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the schooner and scow bottom, in accordance with his recommendation, and charge the expense to the owner of the property.

A request of the Deputy Superintendent of the Sewer Division, requesting permission to haul material for sewer building across the parkway, from Ipswich street to Queensberry street, was granted.

VOTED, that J. A. Hendrie and Brother be authorized to place a temporary bandstand on Franklin Field, under the Superintendent's direction, and to give band concerts there during the summer season of 1902, subject to the approval of the Board.

The Secretary was directed to arrange with Mr. Bova to pay the water rates on the Head House, and the bills for gas used for lighting the pier, which are not provided for in the lease, and to deduct the same from his payments under the lease.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 15, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Margaret T. Linehan, et al., in regard to the stone lying on Columbia Road near Buttonwood street; and the Secretary was

directed to reply that the Department will endeavor to have it all removed next winter.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the salary of F. D. Carmony, a clerk in this Department, be increased from $1.50 to $2.00 per day, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of W. S. Nickerson, that timbers be placed on the beach at the Strandway on which to clean and paint boats, recommending that the request be not granted; and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Nickerson that the Board cannot grant his request, as it is not deemed desirable to permit the use of the beach for such purposes.

A communication from the Mayor enclosing a list of uncollected amounts due from this Department to other departments, requesting that they be paid or the Board state its reasons why they should not be paid, was received and a reply sent to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Assistant Superintendent Duncan on the complaint of G. A. Dinden that he was treated uncivily at Casey's boat landing, and that the gate was closed in the evening, which was placed on file.

A communication was received from the Music Trustees requesting permission to erect a bandstand on Prince Street Playground, and give a band concert there on Sunday afternoon, August 17, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant the request of the Music Trustees on the usual conditions.

A communication from Charles P. Mooney, offering a lot of land on the Strandway, containing 26, 156 square feet and a stable, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Board of Election Commissioners, requesting leave to place voting booths on Commonwealth avenue at Berkeley and Fairfield streets, and on several of the playgrounds, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the unsatisfactory condition of the boat service at Marine Park, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to confining picnics at Franklin Park to Abbotswood, Long Crouch

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woods, and the Steading; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Board of Police in regard to the same.

A communication from the Commissioner of Wires, requesting to be notified of all permits issued by this Department for placing guy wires over park premises, in order that he may supervise the same, as required by law, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 5, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Messrs Brandeis, Dunbar & Nutter's letter regarding Mr. Adamson's claim for damages to his property on South Walter street, which was referred back to the Superintendent with instructions to confer with them.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of John F. Haley for the refreshment privilege at Castle Island; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on laying out a playground at Chestnut Hill Park; and the Superintendent was authorized to try the experiment by putting the grounds in order for play.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the condition of the Arboretum wall and the cost of filling Rogers Park pond, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Webb Granite and Construction Company for leave to enter a conductor for rain water into the catch-basin in front of Hotel Somerset; and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit therefor.

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The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the purchase of new driving wheels for road roller; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Election Commissioners to place voting booths on Commonwealth avenue and other places in the park system; and it was

VOTED, that the Election Commissioners be authorized to place and maintain voting booths on Charlestown Playground, Christopher Gibson Playground, and Oak Square, from October 1 to December 12; and on Prince Street Playground from October 1 to October 17, November 1 to November 21, and December 6 to December 12; also on Commonwealth avenue at Berkeley and Fairfield streets, from November 1 to November 6, and from December 6 to December 12; in such locations as may be approved by the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the rules now in preparation be so worded as to prevent dogs running at large in the parkways.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. James H. Stark's request that Rockdale street be laid out as an entrance to Savin Hill Playground, recommending that the Law Department be consulted; and the Secretary was directed to confer with the Corporation Counsel.

The Superintendent submitted a statement of the condition of the appropriation for maintenance; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to suspend not exceeding one hundred laborers and mechanics.

A Civil Service circular relating to classification of laborers, sundry communications from the Board of Police and the Wire Commissioner in acknowledgment of letters received, and from the Willard Y. Settlement of gift of teeter-boards for the children's playground, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Municipal Journal and Engineer, New York, for a loan of cuts in the last annual report of the Board, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

An invitation to attend the exhibition of life-saving and water-sports, to be given by the City Point Division of the U. S. Volunteer Life Saving Corps, at Marine Park, Saturday afternoon; also request for permission to rope off a portion of the pier on that occasion, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

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A letter of protest from W. S. Nickerson against the ruling of the Board regarding the repair of boats on the Strandway, was received and placed on file.

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BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 18, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report from the Engineer in relation to the application of the Jamaica Plain Gas Light Company, for permission to extend the 4" gas main from South street along the traffic road of Arborway, for about three hundred feet, recommending that a location be granted under the conditions named in the Engineer's report. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, to approve the location as recommended by the Superintendent, and to authorize the Secretary to issue a permit accordingly.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of narrowing the drive at Chestnut Hill Park, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to Mr. Hendrie's concession at the Overlook building, Franklin Park, recommending that it be terminated; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Charles Fottler for permission to sharpen skates, sell skate straps, and check garments in a temporary building at Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, that permission be granted on condition that said Fottler repair the building and give it two coats of paint.

The Superintendent submitted a list of publications, which he recommended be procurred to supply the reading-room at Franklin Park, for three months; and the Superintendent was

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directed to submit a smaller list with the cost of subscriptions at the next meeting of the Board.

A communication from Walter D. Loring, Clerk of the Harvard Improvement Association, regarding the planting of trees on Talbot avenue, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Rev. W. T. Beale, requesting permission for the organization known as "Sons of the Union," to parade and camp in Franklin Field, on a day to be selected, including the use of the Buzzacott cooking outfit for the preparation of the camp dinner, was received; and it was

VOTED, that said permission be granted.

Executive Circular, number 13, requesting Departments to grant leave of absence to all employees, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who wish to attend the National Encampment; also communication from the Secretary of War, in answer to a letter of the Board in regard to the occupation by the Treasury Department of a portion of Castle Island for a lighthouse depot, were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the planting of a row of willows in Franklin Field, within six feet of the line of Talbot avenue, which was laid over.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 1, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report recommending the planting of willows in Franklin Field, adjoining Talbot avenue, was adopted.

A communication from General Superintendent J. H. Caldwell of the Water Department proposing an abatement of fifty per cent of the Marine Park water rates was received and accepted; and the Secretary was directed to arrange with Mr. Bova to pay

the bill, together with bills for lighting the pier, and deduct the same from the rent due from him under his lease.

Orders of the City Council appropriating $25,000 for park construction, and requesting that Ward 2 Playground be graded and a backstop erected, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Board of Police requesting permission to form their parade on Commonwealth avenue, November 12, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Police Department be permitted to hold its parade of November 12, 1902 on Commonwealth avenue, on condition that said Department makes arrangements for the protection of the trees and other property of the City on said avenue.

A communication from Fire Commissioner Russell, offering to equip the fire alarm box at Marine Park with a keyless door, was received and it was

VOTED, to accept the offer.

Communications from the War Department to Senator Lodge, and from the Treasury Department to this Board, relative to Castle Island, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Board of Trade of Rockland, Maine, requesting the Board to suggest some one who can enlighten them regarding road-making and care of roads, was received; and the Secretary was directed to refer them to the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

A communication from Messrs Brandeis, Dunbar & Nutter referring to the flooding of Mr. Adamson's cellar, and suggesting that the flooding of Roslindale Playground has a tendency to raise the soil water and prevent the surface water from draining off, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr. Putnam on the communication from the Harbor and Land Commissioners, of June 30, in regard to the amount due the Commonwealth under the various licenses for filling and dredging, issued to this Department by said Board.

The Superintendent submitted a revised list of periodicals for the Franklin Park library; and he was authorized to procure the same at an expense of $25.50.

VOTED, that the charge of $660.55, for planting trees on Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charles-

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gate East, now standing against the abutters on the books of this Department, be cancelled.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, OCTOBER 11, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Putnam submitted reports which he had made to the Superintendent on the cost of installing electric lights in the playgrounds, constructing steps at Pine Bank, and lighting the Arboretum gates.

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to use as many men as possible in pruning trees at Chestnut Hill, Olmsted and Franklin parks,--finish the walks on the site of old Scarboro street and on the edge of the glade near Blue Hill avenue,--finish the drainage of Nazingdale,--prepare the ground for planting at Norton street entrance, and construct steps for a new walk to replace the trail connecting the upper and lower walks at Pine Bank.

A petition from Theodore M. Clark and others, that the name of the parkway on the western side of the Fens, from Charlesgate West to its junction with the Fenway, be changed from Audubon Road to that of either "West Parkway","Fenway West," or "Park Lane;" also remonstrances from Robert Treat Paine Jr.,and D. L. Pickman, were received and laid over.

Acknowledgments from the Street Commissioners of a communication from the Board relative to the laying out of Rockdale street, and from the Police Board relative to parade on Commonwealth avenue, keeping children off the bridle paths,and providing an officer at the Women's building, Charlesbank,in the evening; also communications from Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins relative to putting in the floor of the boiler-room at Charlesbank, and from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company relative to removal of its poles and wires from the Burnham Wharf property, were received and placed on file.

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Communications from Dr. Francis P. Sprague requesting that Martin Cashman be permitted to place a telephone at his carriage stand on Commonwealth avenue, also request of Edward J. Tomlin for a refreshment stand on the Strandway at the L Street bathhouse, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

VOTED, that the regulations for the use of the Franklin Park golf links, adopted May 6, 1902, be amended by striking out the introductory clause, and by substituting the following for rule 1:-"The player shall hold a permit issued by the green-keeper, and shall show it whenever requested so to do by a person in authority."

VOTED, that within the parkway known as Commonwealth avenue, the parkway of Columbia Road, or any other public reservation in charge of this Board;-

No person shall annoy another; or speak in a loud tone; or sing; or whistle; or utter any profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or loud outcry; or canvas; or solicit any subscription or contribution; or play any game of chance; or sit, stand, or lie on a balustrade, wall, or fence; or stand or lie on a seat; or sleep; or throw a stone or other thing; or act in an obscene or indecent manner; or drink, or be under the influence of, intoxicating liquor; or, except in Franklin Field and as authorized in a written permit of the Park Commissioners, preach, or pray aloud, or make any oration or harangue.

No person shall go upon or follow a track or trail; or go within any plantation, or upon any border of a drive or walk; or go on foot on any ride or drive, except to go directly across from one walk to another; or, except as authorized in a written permit of the Park Commissioners, dig up, cut, break, remove, deface, defile, ill-use, take, or handle any tree, bush, plant, fern, flower, turf, rock, gravel, building, structure, fence, sign, or other thing connected with the reservation; or, except on a parkway on which there are dwellings, or as authorized in the following rule, have or bring any boat, firearm, firework, intoxicating liquor, instrument of gambling, or any flower, tree, bush or plant, or part thereof.

No person shall, except in a place designated by, or as authorized in a rule a regulation or a written permit of, the Park Commissioners, bathe, skate, fish, or moor or use a boat

or raft, or play ball or any other game or sport, or be clad in gymnastic or training costume, or walk or run in training or in practice or in a race, or play on any musical instrument, or display a flag or banner, or move in any parade or procession, or discharge any firearm, or set off any firecracker or firework, or eat any food, or drop or place and suffer to remain any piece of paper or any burning substance or any other thing, or sell, display for sale or for advertising purposes, or distribute any goods, sign, placard, circular, or other thing.

No person shall have or allow--any dog, except on a parkway aforesaid or when held by leash not longer than seven feet, or--any vehicle in a funeral procession, or any hearse, except on Forest Hills road, or--any motor vehicle, except as authorized in a written permit of the Park Commissioners, or--any led horse, or any vehicle for merchandise, except on Glen Lane, Forest Hills Road, or Bellevue Road, or in going by the shortest route to the nearest public way to take from such reservation, or to leave therein, a person or merchandise, or--any other animal, cycle or vehicle unless it is used for pleasure travel on a road provided therefor, and is well handled and easily controlled.

No person shall ride or drive--in Commonwealth avenue at a rate of speed exceeding eight miles an hour, or in any other reservation at a rate of speed exceeding ten miles an hour, or--on other than the right hand side of a road and in a direct course, except when passing another or turning, or--past any animal or vehicle except to the left thereof, or--across a road without giving the right of way to all other persons; or ride a cycle unless he has his hands on its handlebar and his feet on its pedals and it has a suitable alarm bell; or ride a cycle by the side of more than one cycle.

No person riding or driving any animal, cycle or vehicle shall stop the same except by the side of a road; or so stop any animal unless it is kept well in hand, or hitched to a place provided therefor; but an animal hitched to a weight of not less than twenty pounds, and so placed that it cannot injure any tree or border, may be left by the side of a parkway aforesaid for not more than five minutes.

No person shall fail to comply with any direction in a notice of the Park Commissioners, or given by a police officer or person in charge.

Within five hundred feet or a parkway, or of a boundary road of any park in charge of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, no person shall display on a public way connecting with such parkway or road any advertisement except such as relates to the property on which the advertisement is placed or to the business conducted thereon; or erect any fence, except it be of palings not more than six feet in height separated by spaces not less than one inch in width, or of metal, or of ornamental work.

VOTED, that all rules and regulations for the use and government of said Commonwealth avenue, the parkway of Columbia Road, or any other public reservation, adopted prior to the above, except the regulations for the use of the Franklin Park golf links, as amended above, and those relating to gymnasiums for men and women, be and are hereby repealed.

VOTED, that the following regulations for the use of motor vehicles be adopted:-

A motor vehicle shall have the number of its permit conspicuously displayed in Arabic figures not less than one inch in height on its lamps, and not less than two inches in height on its rear; and when stopped, shall have its machinery at rest.

A motor vehicle for pleasure travel, shall be used only between 8 P.M. and 11.30 A.M., except on Commonwealth avenue, Audubon Road west of Brookline avenue, Bellevue Road, Glen Lane, Forest Hills Road, or a side road or Arborway, or in going by the shortest route to the nearest public way to take a person to or from a house on a parkway.

A motor vehicle for carrying merchandise, shall be used only on Glen Lane, Forest Hills Road, or Bellevue Road, or in going by the shortest route to the nearest public way to take merchandise to or from a place in the reservation in which the vehicle is being used.

VOTED, that the following regulations for the use of tennis courts be adopted:-

The courts-keeper has charge of the games and courts, and on application will make an assignment of a court which has not already been assigned for the hour applied for, the players to wear tennis shoes during play, and not to interfere with the net poles or other fixed property.

Assignment will not be made for more than seven days in

advance and will not be good for more than two hours' use, if other players are waiting at the end of such use.

The tennis house will be kept open only until fifteen minutes after sunset, and during the thirty minutes before that time no permit for the use of a bathroom will be given.

VOTED, that the following regulations for the use of boats and landings at Marine Park be adopted:-

No boat shall be tied to or left on a float except as authorized by the keeper of the float, and no boat shall be moored or anchored so as to obstruct a fairway or channel.

The public landing shall be used only for receiving and discharging passengers or supplies by rowboat, between 10 A.M. and 11 P.M., and by small steamer, launch or rowboat, between 11 P.M. and 10 A.M; and no boat shall remain at the landing for more than fifteen minutes.

No merchandise of other thing shall be left at the public landing or in its vicinity, except for immediate removal by boat, team or person then at the landing; and anything so left and not so removed will be removed and stored at the expense of the owner.

There shall be no loitering on or about any float or landing.

The charges for use of boats shall not exceed:

	Hour.	Half-day.	Day.
Fishing boat	$0.25	$1.00	$1.50
Rowboat,	.30	1.25	2.00
Sailboat,	1.25	5.00	8.00
Trip to or from Castle Island.			.05

The charges for care of boats shall not exceed:	Per week.
Rowboat and equipments	$0.75
Other boat and equipments	1.25

VOTED, that the following notices be posted in the several playgrounds to which they refer:-

COLUMBUS AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

On week days the instructors will give preference in the use of the boy's playground and apparatus to boys under seventeen years of age, and will give preference in the use of the ball grounds to permenent teams.

On Sundays all persons may use the playground, but all playing, running and loud outcries are forbidden.

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MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

On week days this playground is for the exclusive use of children under fourteen years of age and of women accompanying them, except that on legal holidays, on Saturdays after twelve o'clock,M.,and on all week days after six o'clock, P.M.,men and boys may play base-ball and other suitable games thereon.

On Sundays all persons may use the playground, but all playing, running and loud outcries are forbidden.

FELLOWS STREET PLAYGROUND.

On week days this playground is for the exclusive use of children under fourteen years of age and of women accompanying them.

On Sundays all persons may use the playground, but all playing, running and loud outcries are forbidden.

CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND.

On week days the children's playground is for the exclusive use of children under fourteen years of age and of women accompanying them, except that the tennis courts may be used by all persons.

On Sundays all persons may use the playground, but all playing, running and loud outcries are forbidden,

FRANKLIN PARK PLAYGROUND.

On week days this playground is for the exclusive use of women and of children under seventeen years of age.

On Sundays all persons may use the playground, but all playing, running and loud outcries are forbidden.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secy.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 21, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at Pine Bank at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. M. M. Cunniff came before the Board in regard to the sale of his land at Chestnut Hill, as shown on plan 4, for park

purposes. Mr. Cunniff offered to take fifty-five cents per foot for the same, the price to include whatever rights he may have in the adjoining street and right of way, which, according to the plan of the Board, would be closed up.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for permission to resurface the track location on Blue Hill avenue, opposite the Park entrance, with macadam, in accordance with a plan by A. L. Plimpton, C. E.,dated October 10, 1902, recommending that the request be granted, provided the whole area between the sidewalk and the curb is covered and the macadam consists of four inches of 1 1/2" crushed Roxbury stone bound with Roxbury-stone dust. It was, thereupon

VOTED, to approve the plan.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Martin Cashman for a permit to place a telephone at his carriage stand on Commonwealth avenue and Fairfield street, recommending that the request be not granted. It was, thereupon

VOTED, to refuse the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Edward J. Tomlin to run the refreshment stand purchased by him from Mr. Daly, in connection with his bicycle privilege at the L-Street Bathhouse; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board will consider his application in time for the opening of the next season.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of a planer and circular saw for the repair department; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same,in accordance with his report.

The Superintendent was authorized to remove the apple trees on the land taken from the Weld estate, West Roxbury Parkway.

A proposal of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for installing and removing poles, wires and lamps at various playgrounds, was received and placed on file.

A communication from George P. Keith, of Hudson, with reference to obtaining a permit for his motor vehicle,was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Board of Police, acknowledging the Chairman's letter relative to the enforcement of the rules against running in the parks in training costume, was received and placed on file.

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A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, relative to a new form of permit for underground conduit in the traffic road of Arborway, was received; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board sees no reason to depart from its usual course in the granting of this privilege.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 3, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the adaptation of the brick stable at Columbus Avenue Playground for a temporary sanitary building.

The Superintendent submitted a report in reference to the request of Mr. Hutchins to haul up boats on the bathing beach at Marine Park for the winter. Mr. Hutchins'request was refused; and it was

VOTED, to restrict the hauling of boats to those portions of the Strandway which are uncompleted.

The Chairman was authorized to apply to the Police Board for the appointment of P. F. McNamara as a special police officer, to serve at Franklin Field and Columbia Road.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Mr. Wilton Lockwood relative to supplying the parks with certain rare species of ducks; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to arrange with Mr. Lockwood for the acquisition of the ducks, at an expense not to exceed $100.

The Superintendent was authorized to procure loam for Commonwealth avenue, and make a proper disposition of it, at an expense not to exceed $10,000.

The following proposals for setting curb at Burnham's wharf were received:-

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Hub Construction and Supply Co., 8 cts. per lin.ft.
H. Gore & Company, 10 " " " "

and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of the Hub Construction and Supply Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the offer of A. J. & G. H. McMurtry to furnish filling for Rogers Park pond. at thirty-five cents per double load; and it was

VOTED, to accept the offer.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Street Department, relative to the extension of the culvert for the Pond street brook; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Sewer Department of the Street Department, that the Board will approve the plan for the extension of the culvert on the line recommended by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Sewer Division of the Street Department for authority to dredge a channel from the outlet of H-street sewer to deep water; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

Executive Circular, number 14, requesting that all men in the employ of the City be allowed half-holidays on the State and City election days, was received; and it was

VOTED, that all men in the employ of this Department be granted half-holidays on the days of the State and City elections, withlut loss of pay, as part compensation for their services.

An order of the City Council requesting that the park at Oak Square, Brighton, be put in condition, was received; and the Superintendent was authorized to do the necessary work, the Board having been duly notified that the City Council had appropriated money which could be used for this purpose.

A request of the Committee carrying on the work at Columbus Avenue Playground, that the electric light fixtures be put up, stating that they would be responsible for the bill for lighting. was received and the Superintendent was authorized to carry out the arrangement as requested by the Committee.

A communication from the Harvard Improvement Association commending the establishment of the Franklin Park library, was received and a copy of the same was sent to the Trustees of the Public Library.

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A request of the Boston Gas Light Company, that some one connected with the office be authorized by the Company to sign for permits, to avoid the necessity of sending a messenger to sign for them, was received; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Company that the Board will issue permits in accordance with the plan suggested by the Company.

A communication from the Board of Police, in reply to the communication from this Department relative to heavy teaming on Charlesgate East, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, to subscribe for the purchase of "Trees and Shrubs", by Professor Charles S. Sargent.

An order of the City Council authorizing this Board, with the approval of the Mayor, to alter and amend the restrictions on certain land of the Boston Water Power Company on Boylston Road and Ipswich street, so that buildings erected thereon may exceed five stories in height, but not exceed seventy feet in height exclusive of such steeples, towers, domes, parapets, balustrades, sculptured ornaments, chimneys and roofs as said Board may approve, was received and an insrument therefor, prepared by the Law Department, was executed by the Board and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 12, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company to dump snow and ice on Charlestown Playground, recommending that it be not granted. It was so voted; and a reply to that effect was sent to the Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of William H. Martin, regarding the Shepherd and his dogs; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on Mrs. Gardner's request for a change in the curb at her entrance on the Fenway; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of McNeill Brothers for an extension of their permit to occupy the sidewalk at 43 Commonwealth avenue was received, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board regrets that it is unable to grant their request, and to notify them to reopen a walk within the lines of the sidewalk.

A notice from L. E. H. Jones of a lien upon the City's indebtedness to Michael A. Meany, was received and referred to the Secretary.

A communication from Joseph Lee to the Superintendent, relative to payment for lights at Columbus Avenue Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in regard to cleaning out the H-street outlet and making plans for its completion, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Sewer Division of the Street Department, requesting authority to dredge the sewer outlets at K and N streets, through the Strandway to mean low water, was received; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Street Department to dredge the outlets as requested.

A communication from Sidney Hosmer, Superintendent of Construction of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. relative to overhead wires and poles at the corner of Seaver street and Walnut avenue, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from W. H. Daggett and others, requesting that Oak Square be put in fair condition, was received and placed on file.

A request of Guy Lowell that granolithic sidewalks be laid adjoining the Westland Entrance fountains was received. The Superintendent stated that the expense would be about four hundred dollars, in addition to the cost of the new curb; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to lay the curb and construct a granolithic walk in the space enclosed by the new curb.

The Board estimated the expense of taking land for an

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addition to Chestnut Hill Park, as follows:-

Josephine Cunniff. 43,554 sq.ft.---$23,954.70

A person or persons unknown, 25,987 " " ---Nothing.

and passed the following act of taking:-

In Board of Park Commissioners.

November 12, 1902.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 185 of the acts of the year 1875, and other authority thereto enabling, does hereby take for park purposes the following described parcels of land situate in the rear of the southwesterly side of Commonwealth avenue, in that part of Boston formerly called Brighton; namely,-

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Josephine Cunniff bounded southeasterly by Reservoir Road, so called, by a straight line, 22 and 39/100 feet, by a curved line of 353 and 21/100 feet radius, 175 and 92/100 feet, and by a straight line, 336 and 67/100 feet; southwesterly by Wade street, so called, 46 and 79/100 feet; northwesterly by other land of said Josephine Cunniff, 478 and 91/100 feet; northerly by other land of said Josephine Cunniff, 94 and 18/100 feet: containing 43,554 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to a person or persons unknown, being a part of said Wade street and Reservoir Road, bounded northerly by other land in said Reservoir Road, 40 and 20/100 feet; easterly, southerly, and southeasterly by land of the City of Boston, by six lines, 26 and 68/100 feet, 89 and 21/100 feet, 78/100 feet, 47 and 65/100 feet, 106 and 65/100 feet,and 328 and 86/100 feet; southwesterly by said last mentioned land, by two lines, 138 and 14/100 feet and 1 and 86/100 feet; northerly and northwesterly by other land in said Wade street, 63 and 44/100 feet, and 7 and 74/100 feet; northeasterly by land hereinbefore described as taken from Josephine Cunniff, 46 and 79/100 feet; northwesterly again by said last mentioned land by a straight line, 336 and 67/100 feet, by a curved line of 353 and 21/100 feet radius, 175 and 92/100 feet, and by a straight line, 22 and 39/100 feet: containing 25,987 square feet, more or less.

Said parcels of land being shown on a plan dated November 11, 1902, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, on file in his office, a copy whereof is to be filed in the

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Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
James M. Prendergast,
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed November 12, 1902, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Josephine Cunniff, situate on Reservoir Road and Wade street, in that part of Boston which was formerly Brighton, and containing 43, 554 square feet, was taken for a public park, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Josephine Cunniff the sum of twenty-three thousand nine hundred and fifty-four and 70/100 dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed for the same, including a release of all said Josephine Cunniff's right, title and interest in and to the portions of Reservoir Road and Wade street taken by said act, and an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for public parks.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 24, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for erecting a brick locker building at First Street Playground were opened and read:

W. L. Morrison Company,	$8275
Holmes Brothers,	8555
J. J. Flynn,	8932
C. H. Belledue,	9400

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A Fales & Sons,	$9444
W. A. & H. A. Root,	9520
Wilbut J. Hatch,	9658
Frank B. Gilbreth,	9719
Cahill Construction Company,	11145
James F. Flaherty,	11150

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Andrew Ward's communication regarding the construction of Stratton street; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that the golf links be kept open on Thanksgiving Day, also a report recommending the early closing of the links; and it was

VOTED, to close the golf links on Wednesday, the 26th inst.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending a slight change in Franklin Park bridle-path, the construction of paths in Long Crouch Woods, and the planting of trees on Commonwealth avenue; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to change the direction of the bridle-path in the Wilderness, and to construct paths in Long Crouch Woods, in accordance with his recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. C. A. Richardson's complaint of injury from falling over a guy on Columbia Road; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to substitute tree boxes for the guys.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Gahm's letter regarding the time for closing the Arboretum gates; and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the lighting of the Arboretum gates, which was read and placed on file.

The Chairman was authorized to apply to the Police Board for the appointment as a special officer of F. A. Plyer, to serve at the Administration Building on the Riverway and on Audubon Road.

A communication was sent to the Board of Police requesting them to cause the arrest of persons wilfully violating the Park regulations regarding trails.

A communication from the Board of Harbor & Land Commis-

sioners, regarding the proposed dredging of the yacht anchorage basin in Dorchester Bay, was received and placed on file.

A request of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for permission to erect and maintain poles on Mt. Vernon street, shown on a plan thereof submitted by said Company, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the plan for pole location on Mt. Vernon street near Columbia Road, dated September 27, 1902, be approved, so far as said locations are upon the property of this Department, on condition that the wires are carried under the railroad bridge and that the poles standing on the property of this Department will be removed on notice from this Board.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, relative to the removal of overhead wires at the corner of Seaver street and Walnut avenue, and stating their intention to apply for a relocation of the poles, was received; and a communication was sent to the Mayor expressing the objection of the Board to the placing of poles and overhead wires there.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, acknowledging receipt of letter from the Board relative to the dumping of snow on Alford street playground, was received and placed on file.

A request of Joseph Stone for the coöperation of the Board in an effort to obtain an extension of time for improvements on Mystic river, was received and referred to the Law Department.

Communications from the Boston Gas Light Company, and other allied companies, authorizing Arthur E. Ogden to sign for permits issued in response to their applications therefor, were received and placed on file.

The Secretary was directed to notify McNeill Brothers that the Board will extend their permit for the use of the sidewalk at #43 Commonwealth avenue, for two weeks from November 22.

The Superintendent was directed to change the curb at the entrance to Mrs. Gardner's driveway, in accordance with her request.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, DECEMBER 1, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a proposition from Mr. Wilton Lockwood to donate sixty ducks to the City, provided this Department will pay $120 for their care and maintenance during the winter, and recommended that the offer be accepted. It was, thereupon

VOTED, that the offer of Wilton Lockwood to furnish the ducks specified in his letter to the Superintendent, submitted this day, be accepted, and that the Superintendent arrange with Mr. Lockwood for the care of the ducks during the winter in accordance therewith.

The Superintendent recommended that the fence adjacent to Mrs. Gardner's house be taken down; and he was so authorized.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company relative to pole locations on Mt. Vernon street was received; and it was

VOTED, that permission be and it is hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to erect and maintain poles with the wires thereon in the parkway of Columbia Road at Mt. Vernon street, as shown on the plan submitted by said Company, dated September 27, 1902,and filed with its petition for this permit.

The above permit is granted subject to the following provisions and regulations:-

Said Company shall keep said poles well painted and in good condition to the satisfaction of the Board of Park Commissioners; shall place the wires on said poles not less than twenty-five feet from the ground, and where they cross the parkway shall carry them under the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad bridge; shall keep the name of the Company owning the poles distinctly painted on the cross bars used and occupied by it on said poles; shall allow the departments of the City the exclusive use of the upper cross bar and top of each pole free of all charge for the purpose of placing wires thereon; shall not suffer or permit any other person to place or keep wires on said poles or upon the fixtures thereto affixed without permission being first obtained in writing from this Board; shall not remove any pole erected

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under this permit until and shall remove the location of any pole when directed by this Board so do do; and that in violation of any of the foregoing requirements said Board may remove said poles at the expense of the owner thereof.

All work under this permit shall be done to the satisfaction of the Board of Park Commissioners.

No work shall be done under this permit until said Company shall furnish a bond with surety in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel conditioned to save the City harmless from any loss, cost or damage in any way arising from the privileges granted by this permit and any work to be done thereunder and to fulfil its obligations under the provisions of this permit.

The following bids for steps for Olmsted Park were received:

The Quincy Granite Quarries Company,	$115.00
Rockport Granite Company,	150.00
John R. Walters,	200.00

and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of the Quincy Granite Quarries Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report giving the result of his inquiries regarding the W. L. Morrison Company, the lowest bidder for the brick locker building at First Street Playground; and it was

VOTED, that said bid be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract.

A communication from the Board of Police stating that they had instructed their officers to take active measures to prevent the defacement of the parks by trails, was received.

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendation that a line of European elms be planted down the centre of each lawn in Commonwealth avenue, from Dartmouth street to Beacon street, be adopted; and that the Superintendent make arrangements to carry out the plan.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 8, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on setting boundary monuments between Boston and Brookline; and it was

VOTED, to authorize A. H. French, Town Engineer of Brookline, to set monuments on the Town boundary in the parks, in locations approved by the Superintendent of Parks, and projecting not more than twelve inches from the ground.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating that the construction appropriation is about expended, and recommending the advisability of passing a new budget for the expenditure of the new appropriation of $130,000, and putting the laborers on half-time for the winter. Thereupon, estimates for park construction amounting to $76,500 were approved; and the Superintendent was directed to put the laborers on half-time.

A communication from W. E. Holcombe, stating that Mrs. L. G. Burnham was prepared to carry out the purposes of her husband with regard to the sale of property on Camden street for an addition to Columbus Avenue Playground, was received; and the following taking and vote to award damages therefor were passed:-

In Board of Park Commissioners,
December 8, 1902.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 412 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and chapter 279 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, does hereby take for a playground a parcel of land in Boston supposed to belong to the devisees under the will of Lamont G. Burnham, bounded northeasterly by Camden street, 41 and 15/100 feet; southeasterly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a playground, 107 and 11/100 feet; southwesterly by the same, 41 and 15/100 feet; northwesterly by the same, 106 and 62/100 feet: containing 4397 and 4/10 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan made by the C. H. W. Wood Company, surveyors, dated April 17, 1899, on file in the office of this Board, a copy whereof

is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
James M. Prendergast,
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed December 8, 1902, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the devisees under the will of Lamont G. Burnham, situate on Camden street in the City of Boston, and containing 4397 and 4/10 square feet, was taken for a playground, there be awarded and paid to Maria A. Burnham the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same including an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

A communication calling for the final payment of $5000, on account of the repair and maintenance of Commonwealth avenue, was sent to the Trustees of the Commonwealth Avenue Fund.

Executive Circular, number 15, requesting that maintenance estimates be submitted on or before December 15, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Postmaster George A. Hibbard, in answer to a letter from the Board relative to a violation of park rules by the carrier who delivers mail at the Arnold Arboretum, was received and placed on file.

The application of Elizabeth Carlton for a position as playground instructor was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to Edmund A. Mac Donald, City Collector, the sum of one hundred and seventy-six and 12/100 dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1902 upon land of the heirs of Charles W. Whittemore, taken for the Forest Hills Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for playgrounds.

The following bids for granite curbstones for Westland Entrance were received:-

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Quincy Granite Quarries Company,	$143.00
S. & R. J. Lombard,	193.50
Rockport Granite Company,	195.00
Aberogwen Monumental Works.	195.00
Granite Railway Company,	178.00
H. Gore & Company,	210.00

and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

Messrs Cornelius VanderPyl, James P. Fox, Marshall S. Reed, and Charles S. Parr, a committee of citizens of Ward 19, came before the Board with regard to a proposed Ward 19 playground. Mr. VanderPyl stated that they had secured the introduction in the pending loan bill of an appropriation for a playground in Ward 19, that they intended to wait upon the Mayor in regard to it, and wished to learn the attitude the Board would take in the matter before doing so. In answer to the Chairman he said that the appropriation had reference to no particular lot.

Mr. Fox stated that his personal preference was for a site on Parker Hill where there were five hundred families who were badly in need of a playground, and where land could be bought for 28 cents per foot. The Chairman stated that the Board believed that the ward should have a playground, and that they would so state to the Mayor in case he should ask for their opinion.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 15, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Estimates for maintenance of the parks and playgrounds for the ensuing financial year, amounting to $244,117.18, were approved and sent to the Mayor.

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The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting the flooding of Billings Field and First Street Playground for skating; and the orders were referred to the Chairman for reply. A like report was made by the Superintendent on a petition of boys and girls of West Roxbury for the flooding of Billings Field.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend $4,000 in the removal of rock at Scarboro' Hill.

Messrs C. F. Berry and Kilby Page came before the Board with reference to the sale of a part of the Hancock estate to the City for park purposes. Mr. Page stated that they were willing to sell the 48,000 feet, shown on the plan which was first submitted to them, for $1.15 per square foot. He desired to retain the rest for a home. With reference to the later plan shown to him, he said that they did not wish to sell a smaller area than that first proposed. In reply to the Chairman's query, whether the land where the willows stand is worth more than fifty cents per foot, in view of the recent sale of the Reed lot to the House of the Good Shepherd, at about that price, and particularly as the owners themselves hold that the restrictions make this land of comparatively little value, Mr. Page stated, that, while the owners had consented to the restrictions, nevertheless an injustice had been done them which he expected the Board would rectify by modifying the restrictions. As to the price, they thought that ninety cents per foot for the willows lot and $1.60 for the corner was a fair valuation, but did not wish to sell the willows lot alone as it would make a bad jog in the rest of the land.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

BOSTON, DECEMBER 23, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr.C. W. Morris's proposition to permit the use of land on Centre street for playground purposes without expense to the City; and it was

VOTED, to accept Mr. Morris's offer.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of a shelter at Franklin Field for the use of skaters, recommending the erection of a temporary building at an expense of about $225, and that the privilege of selling coffee and sandwiches there be given to Charles Fottler. The Superintendent was authorized to erect the shelter; and it was

VOTED, that the privilege heretofore granted to Charles Fottler to sharpen skates and sell skates and skate straps at Franklin Field be continued for this season, and that he be permitted to sell coffee, sandwiches, confectionery and cigars in the temporary building to be erected there, in consideration of his cleaning and heating the building and paying ten per cent. of gross receipts.

The Superintendent submitted proposals from the New England News Company and W. H. Moore,for furnishing a list of periodicals for the Refectory library, for $100.25 and $94.80 respectively, which were laid over.

The Superintendent was directed to allow pay for Christmas Day to those laborers only who work this week on half-time.

A proposition from C. F. Berry to sell about 48,000 feet of the Hancock estate for park purposes, at $1.15 per square foot, was received and laid over.

A vote of the Committee on Claims recommending the payment of $24.00 in settlement of the claim of Martha Biggart, for compensation for damages to her property at Scotts court, Charlestown, was received; and it was

VOTED to pay the same.

A communication from W. H. Reynolds complaining that the cross walks on Commonwealth avenue were not cleaned December 16, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from the Board of Police, stating that they would take under consideration the Commissioners' letter of December 18, requesting that young and active officers on bicycles be detailed for duty in the parks.

A communication from the Brookline Park Department regarding park rules, also a communication from Robert L. Raymond asking for information to be used before a Legislative Com-

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mittee, in behalf of a bill to restrict the use of signs and advertisements near parkways, were received and placed on file, the latter information having been furnished by the Secretary.

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BOSTON, DECEMBER 30, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Orders of the Common Council requesting this Board to flood Franklin Field and the Neponset and East Boston playgrounds for skating purposes, together with reports from the Superintendent thereon, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from W. B. Holcombe, asking that the stable effects belonging to Mrs. L. G. Burnham may remain in the Camden street stable until the building is needed by this Department, also a report from the Superintendent in regard thereto and the occupancy therein of Mrs. Burnham's coachman, were received; and the Superintendent was authorized to arrange for the coachman to remain for the present, or until such time as this Department may need the building, on the payment of ten dollars per month.

A communication from the Superintendent calling attention to the erection of a covered way leading to Mrs. J. L. Gardner's house, was received and referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent was authorized to subscribe for the list of periodicals for the Refectory library submitted by him at the last meeting of the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.